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Schmidt to ignore Israeli pressure

JEDDAH, April 20 (Agencies) — West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt assured Saudi Arabia in newspaper interviews published Monday that he would not be influenced by Israel when deciding whether to sell arms to the Kingdom.

Schmidt, who is due to visit Riyadh next week, told three Saudi Arabian newspapers that West Germany only exported arms to other members of the Western alliance and decided on each sale separately. But he added that only West German national interests dictated the country's arms policy and Bonn would not allow any "third party" to influence its decision. His remarks were also published by the official Saudi Press Agency.

Israel has strongly opposed any sale of West German Leopard II tanks to Saudi Arabia, Schmidt, who said last week he was undecided about the sale, told the newspapers *Al-Riyadh*, *Al-Yom* and *Al-Medina* that the West German press had spent more time discussing the issue than the two governments involved. The question is expected to be high on the agenda of his talks on Riyadh.

Saudi Arabia provides West Germany with 25 per cent of its oil and has played a major role in helping the Bonn government to cover its budget deficit.

Information Minister Muhammad Abdo Yamani attacked the Kingdom's critics in a newspaper interview published Monday, saying: "Those who are afraid of the Arabs arming themselves are opposed to peace and trying to disturb the military balance in the area to maintain their own hegemony over it."

In U.S. meanwhile, Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig testified that Saudi Arabian sale is needed to forge a "strategic consensus" to unite Arab Gulf countries against Soviet expansion. The sale is forging a consensus of opposition in Congress.

By law, Congress must be given a chance to reject the proposed sale, which would include five flying AWACS command posts, plus sidewinder missiles and long-range fuel tanks to enhance the 62 F-15 jet fighters Saudi Arabia already have on order.

Indonesia warns Iran

JAKARTA, April 20 (AP) — Indonesia warned Iran Monday not to interfere in its internal affairs and promised to wipe out terrorism in the Muslim world. The warning came from Adm. Sudomo, chief of the powerful National Security Command, during a five-hour briefing with some 250 Muslim religious leaders here.

Although it did not name Iran by name, Sudomo produced as evidence of Iran's interference a letter allegedly sent to Ayatollah Khomeini by an Indonesian Muslim leader, who said he planned to overthrow the President Suharto regime. "In connection with the whole event, the government has noticed that of late there have been indications, direct or indirect, intentionally or not, from a certain foreign country, which could be qualified as interfering in our internal affairs. In this connection the government wishes that this be stopped."

The letter Sudomo produced allegedly asked Khomeini for his spiritual and material aid in helping overthrow the Indonesian government. It was signed by Imran Muhammad Zein, reportedly the leader of a group of Muslim activists and mastermind of the recent hijacking of an Indonesian airliner to Bangkok. He was reportedly one of the 54 persons arrested in Java earlier this month in connection with the hijacking. The communication, on a printed letterhead reading "Dewan Revolusi Islam Indonesia" (Indonesian Islamic Revolution Board) was dated March 15, 1981.

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NATIONAL DRESS: British Prime Minister Mrs. Thatcher is flanked by a boy and a girl in national dress (left); and at right she heads the British delegation to the talks in Riyadh Monday. Crown Prince Fahd led the delegation of Saudi Arabia.

Kuwait oil revenue \$20.8b

Yamani rules out production cut

WASHINGTON, April 20 (Agencies) — Saudi Arabia will not reduce production or raise prices to end the oil glut until prices on the international market are unified, Oil Minister Ahmed Zaki Yamani has said. "We engineered the glut and we want to see it in order to stabilize the price of oil," Sheikh Yamani said in a Washington television interview Sunday.

He added that there would be no lowering of Saudi Arabian production, now about 10.3 million barrels a day, until the price of oil was unified.

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) base price is \$36 a barrel, but rates charged range from Saudi Arabia's \$32 a barrel to \$41. Asked whether prices could be unified by the end of May, when OPEC ministers meet in Geneva, Sheikh Yamani said: "I'm not that optimistic. But if it happens, I'll be very happy."

Questioned about the sale to Saudi Arabia of five U.S. electronic surveillance aircraft and extra equipment for its F-15 fighters, Sheikh Yamani said any postponement by the Reagan administration would be looked at in the context of Saudi-American relations.

Yamani said the planes should be sold as a one package deal. "We have got a promise from this government that it will be done and we think it will be done," he said.

He added: "We are surrounded by all types of countries who are focusing on the oil fields, on your interests in this country, and we think Saudi Arabia has to be strong."

Meanwhile, the Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and Industry stated in its annual report Monday Kuwait's revenue from crude oil exports reached \$20.8 billion in 1980, a 14 per cent increase over 1979. The report said that the increase took place despite the government's decision to reduce production by 25 per cent, from two to 1.5 million barrels a day, with effect from April 1, 1980.

It attributed the rise in revenues to a 60 per cent increase in oil prices, to conform with OPEC's pricing decisions throughout the year.

The report said Kuwait's crude oil production averaged about 1.8 million barrels a day in 1980 compared to 2.5 million barrels in 1979. The chamber observed that Kuwait continued to depend on crude oil as its key source of income. Oil revenues last year accounted for about 93 per cent of the coun-

try's total revenue which reached \$22.3 billion.

Kuwait had a balance of trade surplus in 1980 about \$15.7 billion, a 13.4 per cent increase over the surplus recorded the previous year, the report said. The country's imports in 1980 reached about \$6.6 billion, a 20 per cent increase over the value of goods imported in 1979, the report added.

The chamber attributed the import increase partly to the rising inflation rates in the countries of origin and partly to the revival of economic activity in several domestic sectors, including construction and industry.

Explosions rock Beirut

BEIRUT, April 20 (Agencies) — Heavy artillery blasts shook Beirut at midday Monday as Israeli-backed border militias shelled the southern port of Tyre and the Mediterranean city of Sidon buried 16 natives killed in a long-range Easter bombardment.

Israeli jets flew over Sidon and drew a barrage of Palestinian commando anti-aircraft fire as the mass funeral procession moved through the city's streets, shattered by a day-long general strike. Commandos in checkered battle fatigues and nationalist Muslim militia allies fired frequent machine gun volleys into the air as the procession of the shoulder-carried coffins got under way. The gunfire mixed with the report of anti-aircraft guns.

Rightist radio stations in Beirut claimed three Syrian soldiers were killed in the midday flare up in Beirut, where Syrian forces and militiamen of Lebanon's Phalangist party duelled at several spots along the capital's three-mile Green Line. There was no report from the Syrian command.

The governor's office in Sidon, provincial capital of the south, said border militia positions lobbed about 20 shells into several sections of Tyre, which is 19 kms north of the Israeli frontier and 80 kms south of Beirut. The office spokesman said an earlier report by the state radio in Beirut that Israeli gunners pounded Tyre was erroneous.

The spokesman said the daybreak Monday bombardment caused extensive damage but no casualties in Tyre.

Police in Beirut said the sudden outbreak of artillery fire along the Green Line that divides the city brought traffic between the two sections to a standstill and caused an undetermined number of casualties. Heavy explosions at one minute intervals shook the city.

In Zahle, which Saturday had its first calm night for several weeks, sniper fire resumed Sunday. The motive for the shelling of Tyre and Saida appeared to be the deaths Sunday of three Christian militiamen whose vehicle struck a mine thought to have been planted by Palestinian forces.

Meanwhile, Kuwait Monday renewed an offer to host a meeting on Lebanon at which all parties involved, including the Palestinians, the Phalangist party and the Lebanese forces, including Christian factions could meet.

Kuwaiti Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Ahmad Al-Sabah met Lebanese Ambassador Faisal Sultan Monday and informed him of the offer. He said after the meeting that the ambassador had asked whether Kuwait had called for a special Arab League Council meeting to discuss the latest crisis in Lebanon, as the Lebanese daily *Monday Morning* quoted the Sheikh as saying.

The foreign minister said that he had confirmed the report, adding that Kuwait would agree to a council meeting if Lebanon should request one.



ISRAELI SHELLS: A Lebanese rushes to rescue his friend who was hit by one of the 15 shells that slammed into the bustling southern city of Sidon Sunday. The barrage was fired by Israeli-backed Christian militia forces of dissident Lebanese leader Saad Haddad.

Dissident Lebanese injured in blast

BEIRUT, April 20 (Agencies) — Dissident Lebanese Maj. Saad Haddad was injured in the explosion of a landmine near the town of Marjayoun in South Lebanon, a

spokesman for the Palestinian and Arab forces have said.

The explosion, according to the spokesman who cited eye-witnesses, occurred Sunday when Haddad was on an inspection tour in the area. He was later flown to Haifa, Israel, for treatment.

But the Israelis were not prepared to concede that Haddad had been injured by a mine explosion. A hospital spokesman in Tel Aviv was very anxious to make out a case that Haddad had a mild heart attack which struck him as he was attending the funeral of the three of his associates who were killed Sunday when their vehicle struck a mine.

It was difficult to explain the hospital spokesman's statement that Haddad was undergoing "intensive treatments and that he would remain in the hospital for several days."

The hospital staff also said that Haddad was felled by a nervous disorder as he had been under severe tension in the last several weeks since fighting flared up in Beirut.

It was the third time Haddad had been hospitalized in the last year. According to reports from Southern Lebanon, villages in the border area were placed on the alert because of Haddad's absence.

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Fahd, Thatcher conclude talks

By Elias Haddad and Nicolas Moore

RIYADH, April 20 — Crown Prince Fahd and visiting British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher Monday night ended the second round of formal talks they began in the morning. Mrs. Thatcher was due to leave here Tuesday after a three-day official visit for talks on bilateral relations, regional and international issues with Saudi Arabian leaders.

The talks were also attended by Prince Abdullah, second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard; Defense Minister Prince Sultan; Special advisor Dr. Rashad Pharon, Muhammad Ibrahim Masoud, minister of state; Sheikh Abdul Rahman Mansouri, deputy foreign minister for political affairs; the Saudi Arabian ambassador in London Sheikh Nasser Al Manqour and Mamoun Qabbani, director of the western department at the ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The British side included Douglas Hurd, minister of state for foreign affairs, John Graham, deputy minister of state; Michael Alexander, private secretary to Mrs. Thatcher, and Sir James Craig, the ambassador here.

Before the morning talks, Mrs. Thatcher paid a visit to the Planning Ministry where Minister Hisham Nazer briefed her on the Kingdom's current five-year development plan. She also visited King Faisal Specialized Hospital and in the evening toured most of the capital, Riyadh.

Mrs. Thatcher also Monday attended a British businessmen's lunch and challenged the businessmen to put an end to the one billion sterling pound trade deficit Britain incurred with Saudi Arabia last year.

But she said that the deficit was because Britain was importing Saudi Arabian crude and selling its own crude. The prime minister added that there was ground for reasonable optimism about British economic performance.

visit will boost their prospects of winning Saudi Arabian contracts.

Nazer said the government's first role remained "to uphold Islam. Others import ideology to develop. In Saudi Arabia we do not import ideology — we only import technology." The country's underlying philosophy included sharing "the blessings bestowed on Saudi Arabia" with other Arabs and the world, he said.

Explaining the steps taken so far for public welfare, Nazer said the government provided free health care, education, subsidies on basic consumer goods, means-tested income supplements and unemployment benefit.

The policy was to ensure a minimum standard of living, he added. "The good life beyond that will have to be earned." Saudi Arabian officials also acknowledge concern that the many non-Muslims in a foreign work force of around 1.5 million could have an unsettling effect on this strictly Islamic state. But they say this presence is essential for planned development.

Nazer said demand for foreign manual and expert workers would decline after the end of the current plan. The government was seeking to encourage the private sector by providing a stable situation and ensuring the Kingdom's defense. The private sector was expected to account for nearly 50 per cent of gross domestic product by 1985, he added.

Nazer said it was planned to have 10 doctors per 10,000 persons by 1985, against 3.8 in 1975 and about 30 hospital beds per 10,000 persons against 14 in 1970. The government aimed at schooling for all children and enrolment in the 1970s rose eightfold, he said.

Mrs. Thatcher told the luncheon that the purpose of her visit was to see things as other people see them. She said that Britain has not done enough to find out the view points of the Gulf countries since British withdrawal from the region in 1971. She said that she had been astonished to learn that she was the first serving British prime minister to have visited Saudi Arabia.

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Bangladesh workers welcomed to Kingdom

RIYADH, April 20 (SPA) — Saudi Arabian and Bangladesh agreed to encourage the recruitment of Bangladeshi workers and skilled personnel for service here, officials announced Monday.

The agreement was reached by Interior Minister Prince Naif and his Bangladeshi counterpart, Mustafizur Rahman who is making an official visit to the Kingdom.

Prince Naif said he welcomed Bangladeshi workers here and hoped that other government departments will pay special attention to the recruitment of personnel from this Islamic country with which Saudi Arabia had excellent relations. The two sides, he said, have agreed to select suitable people to serve here in various capacities in both the public and private sectors.

The two sides also agreed to increase coop-

eration in internal security. "The Kingdom welcomes such cooperation because Bangladesh is an Islamic country with which we have very good relations," he said.

Other areas of cooperation have also been discussed and referred to the officials of both countries for more detail before finalizing formal agreements. Mustafizur Rahman arrived here Saturday and has been visiting ministry departments and police academies with Gen. Abdullah Al Sheikh, director general of internal security.

At the end of his talks, he invited Prince Naif to visit Bangladesh at a date to be fixed later. He expressed his appreciation of the hospitality shown to him and the success of his talks with Prince Naif and other senior aides.



TALKS: Interior Minister Prince Naif (right) and Bangladeshi Interior Minister Mustafizur Rahman discuss relations during their latest meeting.

Engineering exhibit planned

JEDDAH, April 20 — The largest-ever exhibition of Pakistani engineering goods will be held in Dubai from April 26 to May 3. About 120 major Pakistani companies will participate, a Pakistani Embassy press statement reported Monday.

On display will be a wide range of goods produced by Pakistan's heavy and light engineering industries. Diesel engines, agricultural machinery, machine tools, workshop equipment, electrical goods, gas appliances, water pumps, transport equipment, printing presses, several iron and steel products will be on display.

In addition, a heavy mechanical complex set up at Taxila, near Islamabad, has the capacity to produce 16,750 tons of different types of machinery and equipment. Its production list includes machinery for cement and sugar factories, road-building equipment, railway material, water treatment plants, feed water heaters, heat exchangers, and steel structures, containers and vessels for refineries, fertilizer factories and thermal power plants.

The country's engineering industry will receive a further boost from the investment program now underway for its development and expansion. The program involves a total investment outlay of SR 3,081 million on various industries until the middle of 1983.

The country's top manufacturers of engineering goods will be present in the exhibition to negotiate deals and book orders. Senior executives of major Pakistani construction and consultancy companies will also be present to negotiate collaborations with the firms of the Middle East and the Gulf states.

The exhibition is part of Pakistan's drive to boost its exports, particularly of non-traditional items like engineering goods.

Presently, its engineering goods exports are small, in the range of SR 270 million a year. But Pakistan hopes to be able to increase them substantially, because of their standards and quality by introducing them in the world markets.

During the exhibition, a meeting of Pakistan's commercial counsellors posted in its diplomatic missions in the Middle East will also be held in Dubai to discuss ways of promoting exports in the region. Hamid Habib, Minister of Foreign Trade, will preside over the meeting.

On arms buying Yamani hits Zionist policy

RIYADH, April 20 (SPA) — Information Minister Dr. Abdo Yamani denounced Monday the frantic campaigns waged by Zionist circles against the Kingdom from time to time — particularly the request made by Saudi Arabia for the purchase of weapons from the United States.

He added.

The information minister said those countries who were afraid to supply arms to the Arab countries were not seeking peace in the area.

He said they seek to damage the military balance in the Middle East by having total control and initiative to threaten any country in a way they like and the time they choose. The minister said the Kingdom's request for arms was out of its desire to secure and defend its territories and to enable it to shoulder its responsibilities.

"This is the major reason for Saudi Arabia to give proper attention for enhancing its military strength and for safeguarding its territories and its holy sites," Dr. Abdo Yamani added.

Dr. Yamani said that the Kingdom would not submit to any pressures. He pointed out that the Kingdom had been enjoying peace, security and stability and as such had no aggressive intentions against any one.

The minister disclosed that the history of Saudi Arabia has provided good evidence that the Kingdom had never raised arms in attacking any nation. But at the same time she can not stand hands tied towards any aggression against her sovereignty and existence, the minister added.

FROM THE GULF

DUBAI, April 20 (WAM) — All companies which have oil field supply service installations and other industrial plants at Jebel Ali were officially notified to shift their operations to Jebel Ali industrial zone, following an order by Sheikh Rashid bin Saeed Al Maktoum, UAE vice president and prime minister.

The UAE Dubai-based English daily *Gulf News* said Monday all companies which are based on the Greek at present have been issued with the notice. Dubai municipality sources said the companies will be required to set a time schedule for shifting their operations to Jebel Ali.

Some companies have already started negotiations with the Jebel Ali port authorities for leasing the land for these installations. The negotiations are in their final phase.

However, some of the smaller companies are believed to be holding out, waiting for McDermott's decision to shift to Jebel Ali. McDermott, where a big blaze occurred last month, prompting Sheikh Rashid to issue the order to remove the industrial installations from the Dubai Greek, has so far not made known its decision, it is understood.

With the municipality going ahead with plans to clean up the Greek banks and to set up the facilities for a variety of marine sports and recreation activities, McDermott is under pressure to move soon.

It is likely that the Dubai government will extend assistance to the companies to shift their operations to Jebel Ali. This might even include certain incentives such as cheap land of infrastructure facilities at Jebel Ali to operate more efficiently.

DUBAI, April 20 (WAM) — The gold-buying spree which started late last month in Dubai, still continues unabated and many dealers are finding it difficult to cope with the

increasing rush of customers.

The UAE Dubai-based English daily *Khaleej Times* said Monday that this trend of heavy purchase began with the downward slide of gold prices. The total which was selling at Dirhams 3056 an ounce in January last year, the highest ever known price, is now selling at Dirhams 1780 an ounce (a dollar equals roughly 3.68 dirham).

The paper was informed by many dealers that the current purchases are being done by people mainly from the middle class while the bulk purchases are keeping away from heavy investment in gold.

The paper attributed the current downward trend to several international factors. These included the regaining of value by U.S. dollars against almost all European currencies, decreasing inflation in the West, in general, and the UK and the U.S. in particular and increase in the bank lending rates for U.S. dollars, besides the general trend in the world money market backed by the current international political situation.

The bank lending rate for U.S. dollars, which stood at 21 per cent last month and had come down to 17 per cent, has again started showing an upward trend. Therefore, many investors now prefer to invest in banks than in gold forcing a decline in gold prices.

ABU DHABI, April 20 (WAM) — UAE vice president and prime minister, Sheikh Rashid bin Saeed Al Maktoum, Monday morning received at Al Khubairah Palace Bu Allam Baqi, Algerian minister of justice, and discussed with him the means of promoting bilateral relations.

ABU DHABI, April 20 (WAM) — The Federal Cabinet at its weekly session Monday approved a draft law establishing the Emirates Corporation for Transport and Services with a capital of DH20 million (about \$5.41 million).

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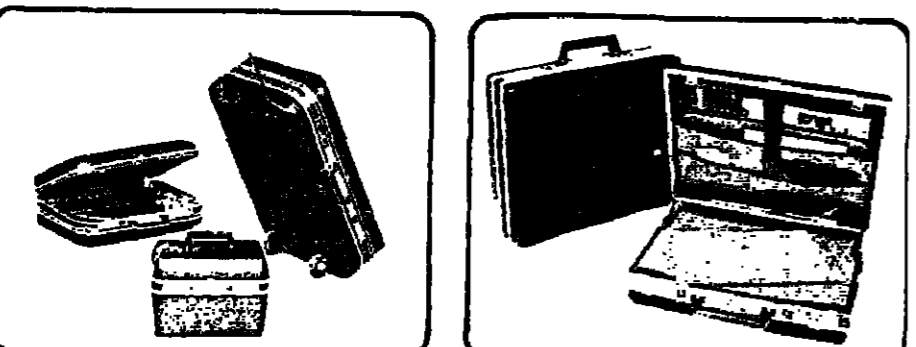
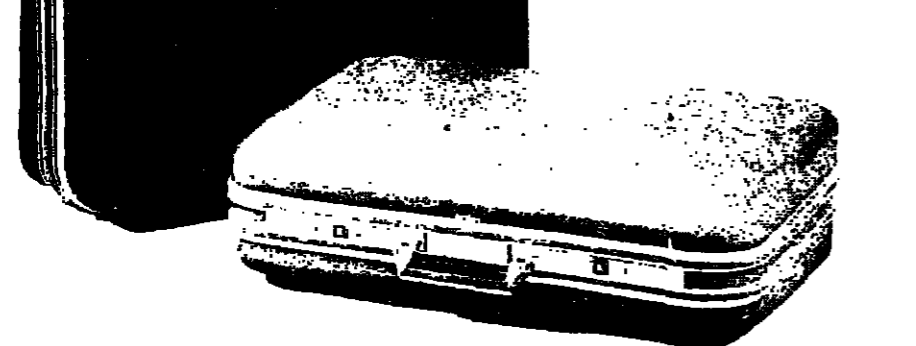
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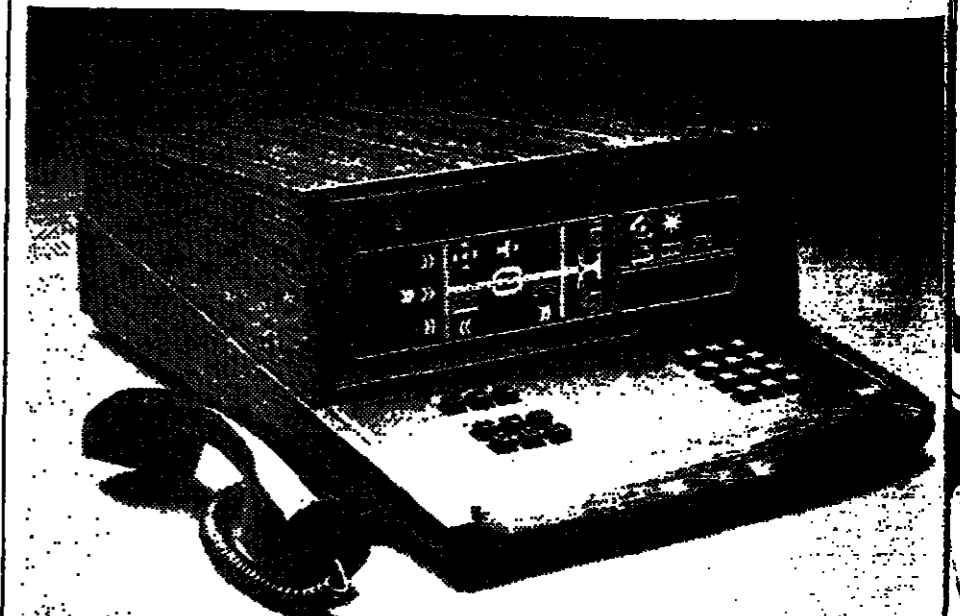
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By Jeddah traffic director License rules explained

By Wabib Ghorab

JEDDAH, April 20 — Expatriates designated as "workers" will not be issued driving licenses, Capt. Ibrahim Al Asiri said here. Asiri told Arab News that "the new measures aim at reducing traffic accidents in the Kingdom, which is being jammed with motor vehicles."

Jeddah alone was estimated to have about half a million vehicles last year, he said. Municipal sources believed the population of Jeddah to be about 1.2 million.

Capt. Asiri blamed most accidents on the many workers who come here without driving experience. "Even some of those already given licenses will not be able to renew them on expiration," he said. Asiri singled out some Arab and Asian countries whose nationals will not be qualified for licenses. He declined to name these countries. "New measures have already reduced traffic jams leading to smoother driving in the city," he added.

Unauthorized workers caught driving vehicles will be punished along with their employers. These penalties include fines and imprisonment, he added.

Present regulations allow expatriates holding driving licenses from their home countries to drive here until these licenses expire. Then they are granted Saudi Arabian licenses, he said. Capt. Asiri added that qualified foreigners can get a car without a license, but he can't drive without a license. In addition, the authorized foreigner can get a license without having a car.

He also said that once a worker has learned to drive he can get his designation to drive placed in his passport after he has received a license. Other expatriate occupations other than "workers" can get a license even if they don't own cars, the traffic director added.

Expatriates wishing to ship their cars home must fill in two forms ratified by the Traffic Department before being sent to the customs director for approval. "About 40 to 50 vehicles are exported daily this way — particularly to Egypt, Sudan and North Yemen."

Capt. Asiri said.

Earlier last month, Jeddah Police Director Brig. Faisal Al Harithi was quoted as saying that the sale of cars was restricted to individuals who are legal residents in the country.

He said the new measures were aimed at curbing the export of vehicles and that car dealers were instructed not to sell cars to individuals unless they meet certain conditions. These include a resident permit; a driving license issued in Saudi Arabia; and a sponsor's letter identifying the would-be buyer, he said.

In other news, a traffic week exhibition was opened in Al-Jouf Sunday by Deputy Governor Suljan ibn Abdul Rahman Al-Sudairi.

COMMENT

By Hayat Admil

Ottaz

Since education was popularized among the Saudi Arabian women, they have been keenly interested in the pursuit of knowledge. They have worked hard to rise to a level where they can be convinced of their intellectual capability. Today, we observe every young collegiate aspiring to go to the university to acquire advanced education. All branches of knowledge are open for her and she comes across no obstacle on the path of education. Even the colleges of medicine, sciences and management welcome women students who have shown excellence in these fields too.

Not only this, quite a few aspire for still higher studies. They prepare themselves for a Master's degree and even carry out research for a doctorate.

But, amid all this great consciousness of the value and significance of education, women students also confront some problems. They do not find reference materials and original sources to be able to collect valuable information for their research work. The public libraries are generally meant for men.

Besides, a lack of cooperation between the college and the university constitutes another hurdle in their way. There is a general complaint from female university students and research scholars that they do not find much cooperation from the College of Education.

The education officials would do well to consider these problems, since women students are in pressing need for help and encouragement in order to be able to achieve the cherished objective. There ought to be coordination between the College of Education and the university, and books should be made available in the libraries of both so every aspirant finds facility to pursue the course of education.



ALGERIAN LOAN: Dr. Ahmad Muhammad Ali, president of the Islamic Development Bank (far right) signs a \$45 million loan along with Algerian officials. The loan will help Algeria import industrial goods.

Riyadh weight-lifting contest opens

RIYADH, April 20 (SPA) — The first two-week weight-lifting competition for the Kingdom's cup opened here Sunday. The competition is organized by the Saudi Arabian Track and Field Federation.

Teams from the central, eastern and western provinces, as well as a number of bodies, the armed forces, the National Guard, and

military academies are taking part in the competition. Already 32 weight-lifters participated during the first day.

Meanwhile, in Hafz-al-Baten the Sports Training Center held its final festival here Sunday at the end of area's collective games championship. Governor Hussein ibn Audi distributed prizes, cups and medals to the winners.

BRIEFS

Military graduation planned

RIYADH, April 20 — Defense Minister Prince Sultan will attend the graduation ceremony of the 39th class of King Abdul Aziz Military College next Saturday. The class will be one of the largest ever graduated and will include cadets from Bahrain, according to *Al Riyadh* newspaper Monday.

Saudi-Spanish joint commission
RIYADH, April 20 — The next meeting of the Saudi-Spanish joint commission will be held next month here under the chairmanship of the commerce ministers of both countries. They will discuss ways of increasing cooperation in economic, trade, industrial and industrial fields, local newspapers reported.

Customs talks end
DHAHRAN, April 20 — Customs officials of the Kingdom and Bahrain ended their discussions here Monday and decided to meet again in six months. During the meetings the officials discussed coordination, the unification of customs procedures, import methods and related matters, the standardization of forms to be filled, the exchange of data on the shipment of goods and the various

types of smuggling and ways of combating them.

Telephone allocations made
RIYADH, April 20 — The Ministry of Posts, Telephones and Telegraph has allocated SR1200 million for operation and maintenance of the telephone system in the country for the next year, according to *Al Madina* Monday. There are 650,000 lines in operation.

Repairs and maintenance have been carried out within the first three days of reporting the problem with the majority — 70 per cent, in the first day.

Hasa projects underway
HASA, April 20 — Hasa municipal officials said they are carrying out nearly SR1 billion worth of projects including drainage schemes and asphalt and illumination in the towns and villages, local reports say.

Teachers complete course
JIZAN, April 20 — Five hundred teachers have completed a course in new mathematics which will be introduced into the schools in the next academic year. The course took several weeks.

For Arab Peninsula studies Scientists open discussions

RIYADH, April 20 (SPA) — Riyadh Governor Prince Salman opened the fifth session of the science centers and commissions interested in studying the Arab Gulf and Peninsula Monday. The meeting was organized by the King Abdul Aziz Center and is being held at the Riyadh Marriott Hotel.

Prince Salman stressed the importance of knowledge and scholars, and their role in the lives of civilizations in his opening speech. He hailed the late King Abdul Aziz's role toward uniting this vast nation with all its deserts and valleys it contains and changed the tents into stable and secure towns and villages.

"Holding this session at the King Abdul Aziz Center is a gesture of loyalty and admiration to his wishes, ambitions and highest esteem for knowledge and scholars and his direction of construction based on sound principles that comply with our religion," Prince Salman said. He also mentioned the movement of building schools that began during the reign of King Abdul Aziz and the late King's special attention to send missions abroad for education and knowledge.

The governor also emphasized the importance of a series of sessions in studying the historic, documentary and other aspects of

the Arabian Peninsula by the national regions. The region has been subject to controversies by writers who did not know its nature and the values and traditions of its people. This resulted in the articles about the region being mostly misinterpreted and incomplete many times.

Prince Salman described the responsibility of region's citizens to bring-out the real picture of the region as a "difficult and tough" one. However, he said, ambitious objectives are capable of overcoming all the obstacles. He conveyed King Khalid's and Crown Prince Fahd's greetings and wishes to the participants in the session.

The secretary general of the scientific centers and commissions interested in studying the Arab Gulf and Arabian Peninsula, Dr. Mustafa Abdul Kader, reaffirmed that the history of the region should be rewritten with an original Arab spirit and pride. The greater responsibility falls on the shoulders of the scientific centers and commissions, he said.

He hailed the Kingdom's efforts in forming a higher supervisory committee and establishing the King Abdul Aziz Center as a special scientific institute which succeeded considerably in collecting a lot on the history and tradition of the Arabian Peninsula and Arab Gulf.

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Jaundice afflicts Russians in Kabul

NEW DELHI, April 20 (AFP) — Jaundice has reached epidemic proportions and a number of Soviet army personnel are affected by the disease in Kabul, reports from the Afghan capital quoting local doctors said Monday. The first case was reported about a month ago and now the situation has worsened, reports from independent sources said. In a single Soviet hospital with 400 beds behind the United States embassy, 50 cases of jaundice have been reported. Afghan sources said a number of Soviet soldiers were affected by the disease.

Egypt, Greece sign pacts

CAIRO, April 20 (AP) — Greek Foreign Minister Constantine Mitsotakis ended a four-day visit here Sunday by signing a number of bilateral agreements with his Egyptian counterpart Kamal Hassan Ali the Middle East News Agency reported.

The agreements set guidelines for settling problems concerning property and other interests of Greeks who lived in Egypt in the past as well as employing labors from both countries. Earlier in the day, Mitsotakis met President Anwar Sadat for 30 minutes. Ali attended the meeting. During his stay here, Mitsotakis also met with Deputy Premier Fuad Mohiedin, parliament speaker Sufi Abu Taleb and some other Egyptian officials.

Japan removes visa control for Iranians

TOKYO, April 20 (AFP) — Japan will remove controls on the issuance of visas for Iranians from Tuesday, the foreign ministry announced Monday. The issuance of visas for Iranians had been suspended since June 4 last year as one of the sanctions against Iran for its holding of the American embassy hostages.

Hussein returns home

AMMAN, April 20 (R) — King Hussein of Jordan returned to Amman Sunday night from a week-long private visit to Britain. While he was in London, the king met Queen Elizabeth and Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and discussed Middle East developments, Gulf security and bilateral relations.



MASS TRIAL: More than 400 persons went on trial at Diyarbakir in eastern Turkey recently on charges of conspiring to set up a Kurdish state. A government prosecutor demanded death penalty for 97 of them. The group was charged with membership of the "Apoocular" gang, held responsible for the slaying of more than 200 persons until the new government took over last September.

In arms deal swindle

Iran loses \$56 million

TEHRAN, April 20 (R) — Iran has admitted it had lost \$56 million in an arms deal swindle in Europe while trying to get some needed arm supplies for its war against Iraq.

Asked at a press conference about local rumors that \$60 million rials (\$7.5 million) sent to France to buy arms had been stolen by Iranian representatives, chief government spokesman Behzad Nabavi said, "it is not 56 million toman but \$56 million." One toman equals 10 rials.

This was the first officially reported bid by Iran to obtain arms outside government channels in its seven-month-old war with Iraq.

Answering written questions, Nabavi said the Iranian charge d'affaires in Spain, responsible for overseeing the purchase, had

been recalled to Tehran to explain the fiasco. Iran's Bank Melli in Paris had paid \$56 million against shipping documents which turned out to be incomplete, he said, but added, the government has frozen the money and a court is investigating the matter.

Journalists were unable immediately to question Nabavi further on the matter.

Nabavi said later in a state radio interview the court was in Paris "because the crime happened in Paris." He did not explain how the money paid by Bank Melli could be frozen, nor what chance there was of regaining it.

His revelations followed persistent rumors in Tehran that the funds set aside to buy arms had been embezzled by Iranian representatives abroad.

Court bars sale of Bhutto property

KARACHI, April 20 (R) — A high court has ordered the family of executed Pakistani Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto not to dispose of his property, the family lawyer said Monday.

The Sind high court issued the order Sunday following a government suit for the recovery of \$ 83,000 which it alleged Bhutto misappropriated when he was president and later prime minister, the lawyer said. The case charged that the executed leader

"had dishonestly misappropriated huge sums from the secret service funds and had issued false certificates required under the law."

The order stopped the two widows, two sons and two daughters of "Bhutto from transferring or selling his property, including lands, houses, arms and ornaments, the lawyer, Abdul Hafeez Lakho, reported.

The suit said Bhutto had paid sums to leaders of his Pakistan People's Party with the aim of perpetuating his hold on power.

Arrives in Mauritania

Qaddafi proposes anti-Israel front

NOUAKCHOTT, April 20 (Agencies) — Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi has arrived here with a 140-strong delegation for a working visit after spending 24 hours in neighboring Algeria in hopes of forging a radical Arab front throughout the Sahara desert to oppose Israel and governments he considers "traitors, like Egypt."

Qaddafi who was met at the airport by Mauritanian head of state Muhammad Ould Haidda, Sunday said he had come to show his country's support for Mauritania and to appeal for Mauritania to form a union with the West Saharan Republic.

The Libyan leader first called for such a union five days ago. The republic was proclaimed by the Algerian-backed Polisario Front movement, which is fighting Morocco for control of the desert territory, formerly Spanish Sahara.

Qaddafi said the creation of this union should enable the two countries to throw their weight behind a pact, also proposed by the colonel last week, which would bring together Mauritania, Algeria, Libya and the West Saharan Republic.

Qaddafi has expressed hopes of creating a federation encompassing all sympathetic Arab states in North Africa, although Algeria and other neighbors have been cautious about cooperating. Qaddafi hopes that countries like Libya and Algeria will provide leadership for poor countries that have been fairly neutral in world politics, such as Chad and Mauritania. That in turn could tilt the balance of power in North Africa toward the Soviet Union and the Eastern bloc, which provide most of Libya's and Algeria's weapons.

Qaddafi was quoted by the Libyan news agency Jana as saying in Algiers that Mauritania and the Polisario-backed government in the neighboring former Spanish Sahara should join Arab states in the anti-

Israeli front. "The necessity exists to extend the Arab resistance front from Lebanon to Mauritania on the side of the Palestinian resistance", Qaddafi said.

Both Algeria and Libya are already members of the resistance front, which opposes the Camp David peace accords between Egypt and Israel.

Libya offered to send troops to Mauritania last month after a coup attempt by dissident military officers who were reportedly backed by Morocco.

Benjedid the Algerian leader, has stressed in recent speeches that he is skeptical about uniting even in a loose federation with Qaddafi.

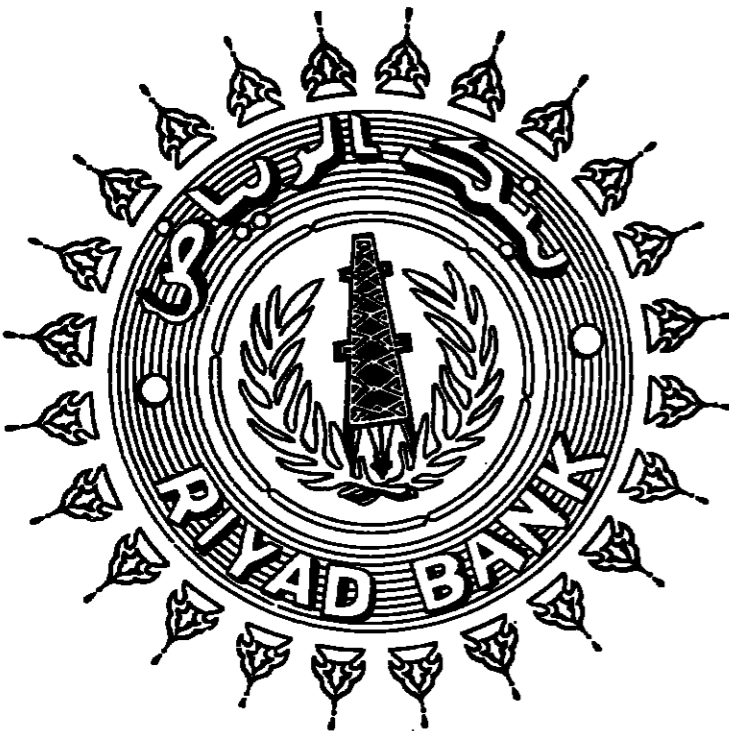


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Arafat re-elected

Fateh representation increased

DAMASCUS, April 20 (R) — The Palestinian parliament-in-exile has ended a nine-day session here, electing a new executive committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) which appeared to strengthen the leading position of the moderate command group Fateh.

Fateh increased its representation from two to three seats on the 15-member committee. The committee's size remained unchanged, despite prior speculation that it might be increased. The new Fateh man, Muhammad Abbas, head of the Palestinian side of the Soviet-Palestinian Friendship Society, joins PLO chairman Yasser Arafat and Farouk Kaddoumi, head of the organization's political department.

His election was partly balanced by the return to the committee of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) of Dr. George Habash, which pulled out in 1974.

The success of the PFLP representative, Ahmad Yamani, was greeted Sunday with wild applause second only to that for Arafat as the parliament, the Palestine National Council (PNC), ended its work at the Syrian trade union headquarters in Damascus.

Two relatively new commando groups, the Palestine Liberation Front (PLF) and the Popular Struggle Front (PSF), failed in their efforts to be admitted to the executive committee. Speakers for both groups protested at their exclusion at Sunday night's closing session, but the new make-up was approved overwhelmingly on a show of hands by the PNC, which has now swelled from 301 to 314 seats.

Delegates expressed some surprise that the pro-Syrian group Saiga had agreed to stay with only one representative following the increase of the Fateh contingent. Saiga's new representative, Muhammad Khalifa, replaces Zubeir Mohsen, assassinated in

France in 1979. Haggling over the committee lasted throughout the PNC session and the final version was reached at an all-night meeting of the PLO leadership which ended at 7 a.m. Sunday.

The new committee, in which Fateh is the only group to have more than one representative, numbers eight members of commando groups and seven independents, the first time commandos have outnumbered independents.

Delegates were unanimous in viewing the committee as another diplomatic triumph for Arafat, who was re-elected as its chairman. The last PNC session in 1979 failed to agree on a committee. The PNC also approved parts of a political resolution, including a preamble and a section welcoming a proposal by Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev for an all-party conference on the Middle East.

Brezhnev's proposal, a resurrection of a long-standing Kremlin plan for a conference under joint Soviet and United States chairmanship, came, at the Soviet communist party congress earlier this year. But other sections of the resolution, believed to include controversial issues such as the European Middle East peace initiative and relations with Jordan, were referred to the executive

committee for final drafting. A separate nine-man committee will issue a statement on the session.

Arafat told the session that the PNC had technically ended its term of office, but would retain its functions until a new council can be elected within the next year.

The number of supplementary PNC members from the occupied territories would be increased from 102 to 180, he said. They are non-voting members as Israel does not allow them to attend PNC sessions.

The make-up of the new executive committee is as follows: Yasser Arafat (chairman), Farouk Kaddoumi, Muhammad Abbas (all Fateh), Abdelrahim Ahmed (Arab Liberation Front, Iraq-backed), Talal Naji (Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command), Yasser Abed Rabbo (Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine), Ahmed Yamani (Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine), Muhammad Khalifa (Saiga, pro-Syrian).

Independents: Hamed Abu Sittah, Muhammad Zuhdi Nashashibi, Abdelmohsen Abu Meizar, Dr. Ahmed Sudqi Dajani, Jamal Sourani, Dr. Hanna Nasser, Dr. Salah Dabbagh (Chairman of the Palestine National Fund).

Iranian jurists urge full revision

Law of vengeance

TEHRAN, April 20 (Agencies) — A group of 113 Iranian Islamic jurists and magistrates have urged the "complete revision" of the "law of vengeance" that has been drawn up by the Iranian superior council of justice and approved in February by the government.

"This project contains numerous juridical and moral defects," the experts wrote in a statement published here Sunday by the newspaper *Islamic Revolution*. The experts predicted that the law would have "undesirable consequences," causing "great social and international damage" to the country and engendering "pessimism about Islamic law and procedure."

In their statement, the experts urged the formation of a committee, "composed of theologians learned in Islamic law and experts in criminology and sociology," to criticize in a scientific fashion the proposed law and then to report to parliament.

The compilers of the revision interpreted in the most literal way the Koran's approach, paralleling that of the Bible, to the problem of crime and punishment.

The mentality is that of "an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth" and punishment is often left to the family of the victim.

In the meantime, Ayatollah Khomeini has told representatives of the three-man commission which is investigating disputes between Iranian officials to go into only such offences which may lead to tension in the country, Tehran radio reported.

The radio said Sunday, Khomeini met with Interior Minister Mahdavi Kani, Khomeini's representative on the commission and the representative for President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr, Hojatoleslam Eshraqi. The commission includes a representative for the ruling Islamic Republican Party which rallies behind Prime Minister Muhammad Ali Rajai.

The prime minister and Bani-Sadr have been locked in a power struggle which came to a head March 5 when supporters of Bani-Sadr and the Islamic Republican Party clashed at a rally at Tehran University where the president was making a speech. The incident left about 40 injuries.

Khomeini personally intervened and proposed the setting up of the commission to investigate the matter.

Afterward Mahdavi-Kani said that they had sought Khomeini's advice on whether the commission should investigate all offences committed by officials, or only those offences

which might result in tension. The imam told them to investigate only those offences which might result in tension. Other offences would be investigated by other authorities, such as the Majlis and the public prosecutor's office.

In a related development, a member of an official investigating commission said allegations of torture in Iran's jails made by President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr are totally unfounded. The commission had failed to find a single case of torture in the prisons, the official Hojatoleslam Montazeri told official Pars News Agency after the commission had met to conclude its report.

"Instances of physical maltreatment of convicts were few, and they were committed by unauthorized persons, he said. "They were unconstitutional acts without order or permission and warrants for their arrest and prosecution have been issued."

Hojatoleslam Montazeri's words backed up those of another commission member, Majlis (parliament) deputy Ali Motaqad Besharati, who last week disclosed details of its investigations of military and civilian prisons in the Tehran area.

A majority of prisoners had denied any knowledge of torture.

Turkish air chief to hold talks in Canada, America

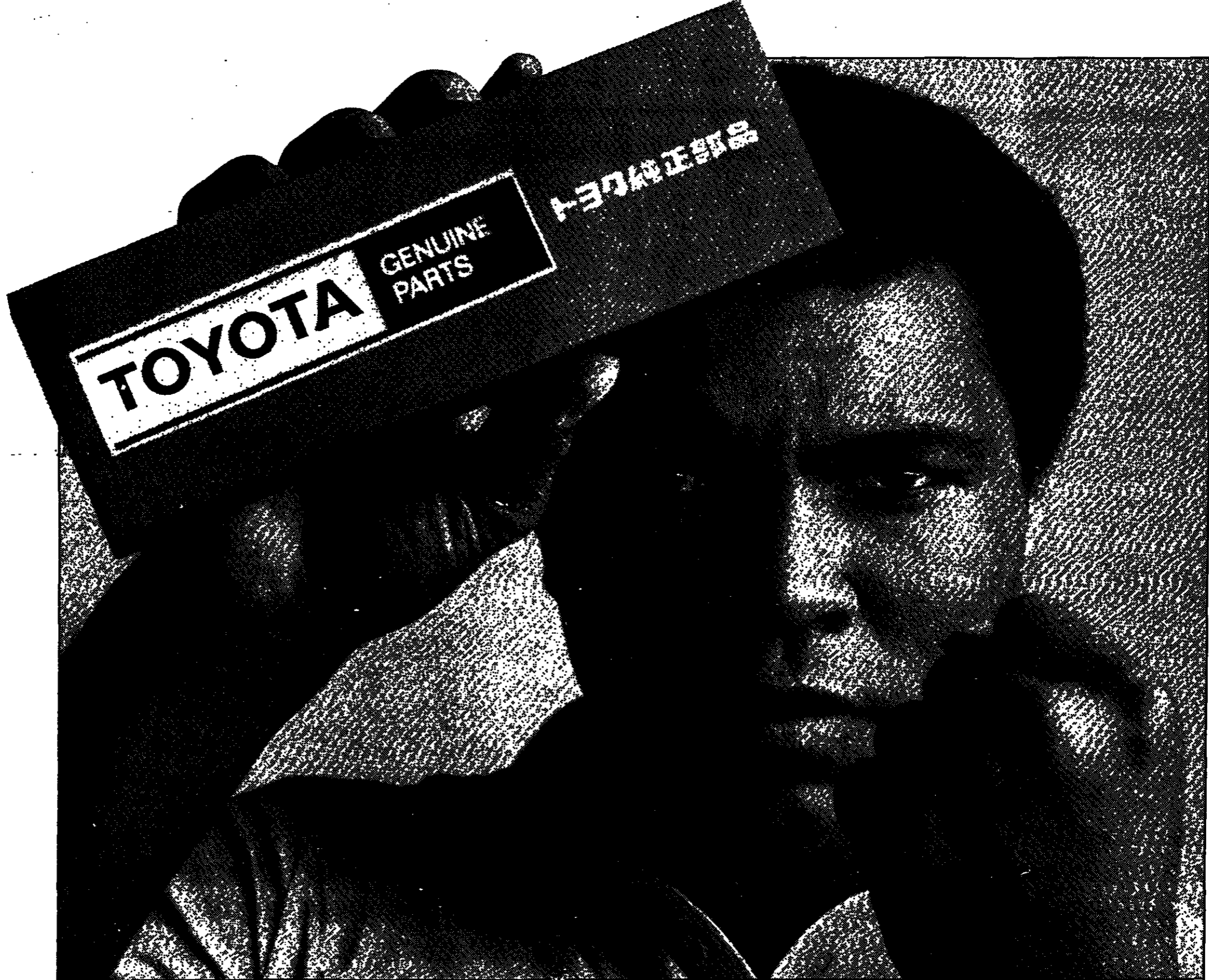
ANKARA, April 20 (AP) — Turkish Air Chief Gen. Tahsin Sahinkaya left Monday for an official visit to Canada. He was invited by Canadian Chief of Staff Gen. Ramsey M. Withers.

Sahinkaya will also visit the United States for a tour of NATO air installations. The press office of the Turkish chief of staff headquarters announced Monday that Sahinkaya will meet U.S. Air Force Commander Gen. Lew Allen and discuss cooperation between two countries' air forces.

Meanwhile, Gen. Nurettin Ersin, NSC member and commander of the Turkish ground forces, left Sunday for Belgrade as the guest of the Yugoslavian Chief of Staff Adm. Branko Manda. Military authorities said Ersin was visiting Yugoslavia on behalf of Gen. Kenan Evren, the Turkish president and the chief of the general staff.

Meanwhile, the ministry of interior has adopted a new regulation forbidding applicants for the police force from having been a member of political party in the last five years.

The new rule also says all men applying for the force should be 30 years old or younger and at least 5 feet (1.64 m.) tall. Women applicants are not affected by the age and height restrictions. Police officials said the aim of the rule is to prevent the police force from being infiltrated by radical elements. Under current rules, all civil servants, including police, are forbidden from political activity.



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Will the Soviet Union tolerate Poland's changes?

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The writer is a former Professor of economics and a leading member of the Polish dissident group KOR. This statement of his hopes for a successful reform in Poland is taken from a book to be published in Germany later this month by Hoffman and Campe, Hamburg.)

By Edward Lipinski

In Poland today we have the beginnings of a democratic movement. No less important, we are also working for a changed economic system. It must start by recognizing the individual factory or workshop as the basic unit responsible for decision-making and operational planning — new technology, work organization, marketing and so on. Central planning should be limited to overall development and the balancing of basic economic objectives.

So far autonomy has been denied by the very nature of the Communist Party, which claims the right to control all forms of economic, social and cultural life. The reform of the economy should give the workers a high share in decision-making and guarantee them a say in the direction of the enterprise. Only thus can one increase interest in productivity and minimize shortfalls.

The problem is that such a reform goes against age-old practices and economic theory in the Soviet Union. So why write about it? Simply because we know that sometimes the Soviet Union is prepared to tolerate things which contradict its concept of socialism — for example, private farm holdings in Poland (limited though the concept may be in practice) and the independent foreign policy of Romania.

So perhaps the USSR will come to terms with the changes taking place in Poland. As Stalin once said, Poland is Russia's big war trophy. To keep it within its sovereign sphere, the Soviet Union is ready to pay a positive price — as long as popular opinion understands the need of remaining in the Warsaw Pact. Many Poles believe we already have a Socialist system. What this socialism consists of is hard to ascertain. The one clear indication is the state ownership of the means of production. But socialism is not nationalization; it is the socialization of the means of production.

Moreover, socialism need not be applied to every facet of economic life. Crafts, small industry, catering, services, farming — these can stay in the private sector, where the owner-producer is motivated to be efficient and productive. Such exceptions, when truly in the public interest, are indispensable to economic progress. In Poland, unfortunately, an ill-founded social theory has eliminated not merely small private enterprises but authentic cooperative reforms as well.

Can one "build" socialism to plan? No economic system in history has been a planned product. Socialism is the product of human thought and emotions. In Russia it came about through a social revolution which in turn was the result of a particular historical accident. Lenin wrote that the new Socialist order could be brought about only by force. It would be followed by its higher form.

communism, when true freedom would at last exist, the state would wither away, there would be real democracy ("workers" and peasants' councils"), and when differences between blue collar and white-collar, town and village, would disappear.

In competition with capitalism, socialism has not proved itself the more efficient system; on the contrary. Nor has it proved to be the system that prepared the way for a higher socio-economic form. Is there the possibility of a social system which differs from capitalism and really works? The system hitherto known as socialism has, as we have seen, let us down — not only in production and in the satisfaction of consumer demand. It has been unable to eliminate the trade cycle, and has permitted times of slump, and even crisis.

The planned economy has not even been able to beat inflation. Although we have no unemployment in Poland, we have to cope with the negative phenomenon of overemployment — the padding of enterprises with workers and civil servants as a result of bureaucracy.

Up to now it has not been possible to create a really efficient Socialist planned economy. Will one ever be possible? Can we operate a totally different price system from that in the West? Must not prices under socialism be geared to social production costs, as well as to supply and demand? Does the "immutable" law of cost and profit, of supply and demand, really not apply under socialism? If it ceases to, then we have an economic imbalance,

permanent scarcities and artificially low prices. (Low Polish food prices, for example, cause incalculable economic damage.)

Since August 1980, it has been possible in Poland to speak of a truly new working-class. Above all, it consists of young people who have grown up since the war, with higher general or specialized education than ever before. The majority no longer come from the countryside; they do not feel alienated by the world of industry. This new class is stamped with a highly developed class and national consciousness.

Polish workers since 1980 have hung their factories with white-and-red flags, not red ones; they do not display pictures of Lenin but pictures of the Virgin of Czestochowa. But in no sense is this because they are against socialism or are one and all religious.

The flags and Virgins are merely the symbols of their protest against their bureaucratic state, which is using its (pseudo) ideological monopoly to exercise thought-control over their lives. It may be that the economic reform for which people are now working in Poland, will be right and reasonable. Perhaps it will achieve better conditions for the economy and at the same time reveal a way out of the present crisis (no easy thing, since we must deal with bottlenecks in agriculture, energy and transport, and beyond that, solve the terrible problem of our country's external debt).

I have a real fear that the reformers have been

influenced too much by the Yugoslav example. In the last resort, a factory cannot be the property of its work-force; it must stay owned by society, not by particular group. Moreover, not all decisions (for example, over pay levels and the distribution of profits between investment and general business needs) should be taken at factory level.

But let us assume that the reform will be drawn up and realized in the best way possible, that the freedom won, and yet to be won, should be safeguarded and extended, and that censorship and similar restrictions will be reduced and regulated by sensible laws. Let us also assume that intrusion of the party and state into social and cultural life will be restricted to a minimum; and that a general universal system of self-management will be introduced in city and countryside, in factory and office in the universities, in science, and so on.

Then indeed, Poland would represent a new model of socialism within Russia's sphere of influence. Perhaps, in a re-organization of that sort, the new Poland could start the true building of a social community, for example in the realm of humanism work, in seeking to solve the problem of alienation and giving the worker a sense of involvement in his economy.

Perhaps there could come out of all that a cultural flowering, and the opening-up of the world of culture, ideas, beauty and art to the masses. As a Polish patriot and Socialist I dream of a "third way" in Poland.

U.S. generals lament spare parts problem

By Peter Pringle

WASHINGTON — United States generals and admirals have recently been saying it is nothing to worry about if their sophisticated tanks, ships and fighter planes seem to be out of action, or "non-mission capable" much of the time.

It is not because they are badly designed, as some critics have charged, it is just a problem of not being able to get spare parts when they are needed, say the generals. The rules for combat readiness are very strict, perhaps too strict: a tank with a worn-out battery is listed as no good for the front line even though new batteries are awaiting transport from the local railroad station.

The Western world can still sleep comfortably at night. America is still capable of defending it. The only problem is peacetime lethargy and it would be different in wartime. All that sounded quite reasonable until the recent release of an internal Pentagon document known as the Spinney Report. Named after Chuck Spinney, a former air force officer who is now a civilian with the Programs Analysis and Evaluation Division of the Pentagon, it goes under the title of Defense Facts of Life and portrays a world of military men so completely seduced by the technological wizardry of their new war machines that they have long disregarded the simple ques-

tions, like how often will it work when the button is pressed.

Not very often, says Spinney, who maintains it is therefore imprudent to spend huge sums of money on sophisticated weaponry to offset the Soviet Union's greater number of planes, tanks and ships.

Spinney took as his best example the immensely complicated — and hugely expensive — array of fighters and fighter-bombers such as the F-15 and the F-16. In theory, the expense of these technological marvels is justified because they are capable of shooting down more planes or dropping more powerful bombs more accurately than their predecessors.

In practice, the performance of the F-15 has been less impressive. In 1979, says Spinney, the "non-mission capable" rate of the F-15 was one third higher than that of the older F-4, although the F-4 flew slightly more sorties that year. And, importantly, the reasons for this were much more complicated than a few spare parts held up at the railroad station.

The delicate electronic gear of the F-15 is so designed that if something goes wrong individual parts, known as black boxes, can be removed and instantly replaced, with the defective item being set back to the depot for servicing. At the depot a highly complex computer, called an avionics intermediate shop, is used to analyze the defective part

— in theory for quicker and better results. But the "shop" itself is so complicated that it was "non-mission capable" 20 per cent of the time last year and 50 per cent of the time the year before.

Moreover, the highly-skilled technicians who work the computer are paid one-third less than they would be if they were in a civilian job and the air force, understandably, has a hard time attracting them and an even harder time keeping them. In the last three months of 1980, 33 of these computer operators were eligible for re-enlistment. Not one of them remained in the service.

Needless to say, the Pentagon did not want the Spinney Report made public and did so only under pressure from the Senate Armed Services Committee. Once again, the generals had an answer. The reason, they said, why the F-15 flies less often than the F-4 yet is grounded more frequently is partly because the F-4 spares are stocked at a much higher level and they are cheaper: all that is needed are more black boxes and more computers.

Last month President Reagan obliged the generals by providing the money to buy them. His huge defense program emphasizes the need to fix up the ships, planes and tanks quite as much as building up the strategic arsenal with a new manned bomber and the MX missile. (ONS)

Letters to the editor

Dear sir,
On March 26 your newspaper published a report on new rules governing the sale of cars to legal residents in the Kingdom. The information I have gathered from the Traffic Department, however, showed contradiction or was confusing!

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Jeddah traffic director explains the rules. Kindly turn to page three of this issue.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: 1) Five per cent by the employer and eight per cent by the employee. 2) At the age of 60, or in the event of death or crippling injury. 3) The money paid may be transferred to the worker's home country insurance system.

Saudi Arabian Press Review

Newspapers Monday mostly led with the arrival of British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher for a three-day state visit to Saudi Arabia. The official welcome at the Riyadh international airport by Crown Prince Fahd and other officials was shown in pictures on the front page of all newspapers. Meanwhile, *Al Riyadh* and *Al Yom* carried as lead stories an interview with West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, who said, "We would not allow any third party to influence our policy on the export of arms."

He was also quoted as saying that, "Saudi Arabia is an element of stability in the region and we have deep regard for it. We also respect the legitimate rights of the people of Palestine and our stance on the PLO will be based on its attitude toward Israel."

Al Jazirah frontpaged the arrival of Bangladesh's Interior Minister Mustafizur Rahman for talks with his Saudi Arabian counterpart Prince Naif on security matters and bilateral cooperation. In a page one story, *Al Yom* highlighted Syria's refusal to accept the internationalization of the Lebanese problem. Iraq's reported threat to expand the war against Iran figured prominently on the front page of *Al Nadwa*, which reported the shelling of some Iranian regions by Iraqi warplanes.

Newspaper editorials discussed a variety of subjects ranging from the British prime minister's visit and Chancellor Helmut Schmidt's statement on the Lebanese crisis. *Al Medina* said in an editorial that Saudi Arabia's stance on Palestine, Jerusalem and other occupied Arab territories is well-known. Since Britain is accurately a ware of the Middle East

problem in depth, the role it has to play in the European community is supposed to reflect its deep understanding of the problem and to support a positive approach toward finding an equitable solution to the Middle East crisis, said the paper. It added that Saudi Arabia would back any move that helps to avoid a world war.

On the same subject, *Al Nadwa* observed that, since Britain is aware of the problems of this region and also of its role, the British prime minister is expected to return home fully convinced that the usurped territories must be restored to their rightful owners, and all parties concerned must intensify their efforts for the realization of a Middle East peace. The paper urged Britain to adopt a stance in the light of this fact and hoped that Mrs. Thatcher's visit would provide an ideal occasion for the realization of this objective.

Al Yom noted editorially that the British premier's visit would positively reinforce bilateral ties and restore Britain's relations with the Arab and Islamic world on the correct path. During her talks with the Crown Prince, the paper said, Mrs. Thatcher would find a good opportunity to know Saudi Arabia's stance on world problems. She will also have a closer understanding of the Arab and Islamic view on Zionist activities and of the steps that could be taken to restore peace and stability in the region.

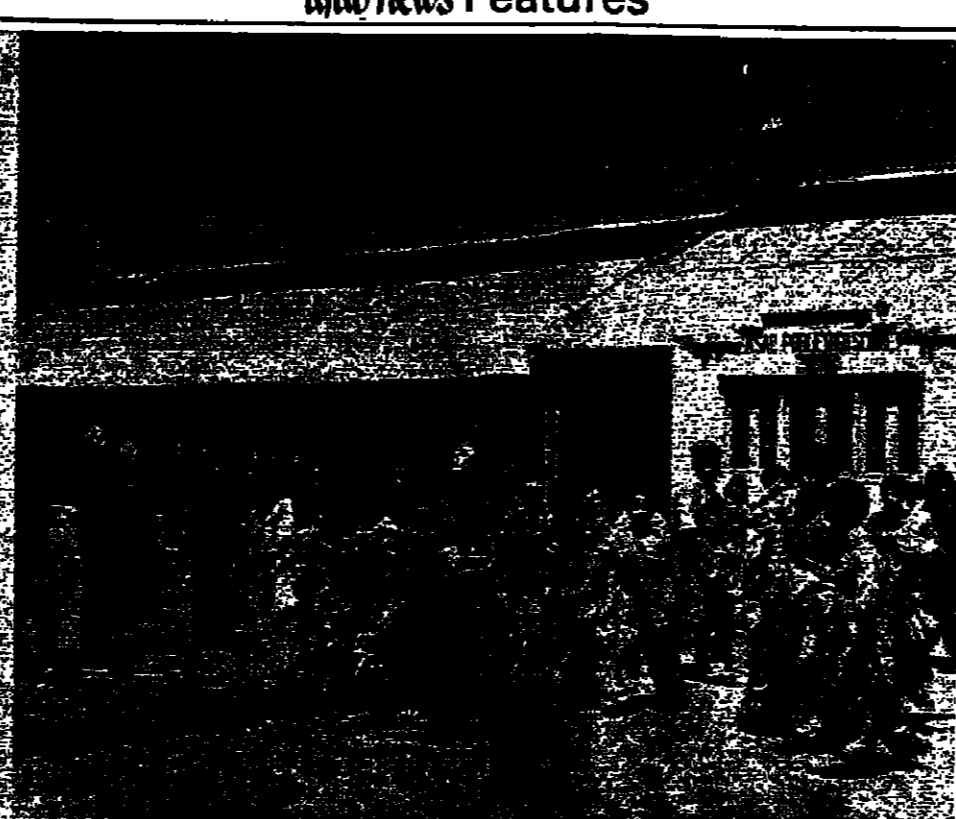
Recalling Britain's role in the establishment of the state of Israel in Palestine, *Okaz* said that Britain should realize its moral responsibility and play a

constructive and vital role in forcing Israel to withdraw from occupied Arab territories, including Jerusalem, and to recognize the Palestinian people's right to self-determination and for the establishment of an independent state. The paper expressed the hope that Britain would come forward with effective participation in eliminating the Zionist danger, forcing Israel to respect the wishes of the international community.

Meanwhile, *Al Riyadh* dealt with Chancellor Helmut Schmidt's interview with Saudi Arabian newspapers, in which he praised the Kingdom's role at the local and world level. The paper said the German leader has shown his complete understanding of and support for the Saudi Arabia's clear stances on world issues, including Afghanistan and the Middle East. It added that the interview throws light on commercial and scientific cooperation as well as the energy crisis which is gripping the world at present. The two countries are aware of the negative impact of this crisis on the world community and have persistently supported the countries of the Third World in economic and technological fields, it said. The paper described the interview as an enduring assurance of the existence of a strong link between Riyadh and Bonn which has contributed to the development of mutual visits by the officials of the two countries. It held the view that German cooperation and participation in the Kingdom's development would create a permanent bridge serving the interests of not only Saudi Arabia and Germany but of the world community as well.



FOLK DANCE: People who inhabit the tribal belt in Pakistan's North West Frontier and Baluchistan provinces are considered brave. They are seen, at left, performing a folk dance. At right is a school in one of the provinces.



A tribal youth is all smiles.

By Shehzada Mubarak

The intriguing tribesmen of Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, — Pakistan's tribesmen have always intrigued outsiders. But they have come into greater prominence ever since the Soviet armed intervention in neighboring Afghanistan. These brave people who inhabit the tribal belts in Pakistan's North West Frontier and Baluchistan Provinces along the border with Afghanistan — are often misunderstood and misrepresented. Outsiders usually envision them in terms born out of fancy and imagination. Stories of bloody feuds, gun-running and smuggling are unscrupulously woven around these intensely religious people to whom any of these social evils come not as a way of life but as afflicting maladies.



MILL: Flour mill in Dargal, Malakand Agency in North West Frontier Province.

They are indeed God-fearing, with their social life patterned more on religious beliefs than on the secular ethics which condition life styles in culturally advanced societies.

What has led to fantasies about these brave peoples is perhaps their innate love of independence and freedom. Throughout their history, they have demonstrated a fierce sense of liberty and a strong revulsion for any interference in their way of life, customs and traditions. Like untamed animals, they have all along preferred the risks and dangers of a hard life in their craggy hills to the peace and safety of a cage.

And these rustic but free people have never liked a foreign ruler. They simply detest alien domination or control. Various clans or families of these tribesmen may go on fighting with each other, but when there comes a threat from outside to the security or independence of the tribe as a whole, even the warring factions close up their ranks and join hands to face the common enemy. No matter what they do among themselves, they do not want outsiders to meddle in their internal affairs. And whoever in the past tried

to encroach upon their liberty had to face tough resistance.

Throughout history we find that these tribesmen fought fiercely both against the Muslims, like the Moghuls or the Afghans, and the non-Muslims like the Sikhs or the British. And some of these could stand up to the guerrilla warfare in which they are well-versed. Long before Mao Tse-tung perfected the art of guerrilla warfare, these tribesmen knew its worth and had proven what Mao was to observe subsequently: "The enemy advances, we retreat; the enemy camps, we harass; the enemy tires, we attack; the enemy retreats, we pursue."

To some, these tribesmen of Pakistan may appear impulsive, volatile and materialistic; to others, they may seem shrewd, austere and obstinate. But in the remote recesses of their bleak and barren hills, they are tough and brave. And, when it comes to combat, they know how to use their fighting prowess. This then is their long tradition and history which is as sacrosanct to them as their own faith, customs, and code of honor. To preserve these they would readily sacrifice their lives. And this also explains the attitude of an ordinary tribesman.

He may not have a particular liking for bloodshed, but he does not feel repelled by it either. It may be unpleasant for him to see the tragic deaths of relatives, but it seems inevitable in tribal conditions where even a minor or insignificant issue to outside observers can become a blood feud. And whatever the outsiders may think about this fratricidal warfare, it is often the outcome of customs and traditions which these tribesmen respect and revere with rare dedication. In fact, they approve of them if these vindicate some tribal sense of honor and decorum.

But events are not as wild or chaotic in these tribal areas as is generally believed. Their local legal system and the tribal code of conduct exercise a great deal of restraint and discipline on these tribesmen.

The main institutions of control are the "Maliks" (tribal leaders) and the "Jirga." Although the Maliks wield great influence on their respective clans, it is the "Jirga" of their elders which really controls the tribe.

The "Jirga" is like a Congress or Assembly, and here by mutual discussions and deliberations the tribesmen make all those important decisions, in a spirit of give and take, which affect the peace and well-being of their tribal life.

The Jirga ordinarily settles disputes through compromise or reconciliation in accordance with the tribal custom. However, if parties to the dispute want settlement through Islamic Law or *Sharia*, the matter is referred by the Jirga to the local religious

leaders for adjudication. The unanimous or even majority decisions of the Jirga are normally accepted by the disputants.

In intertribal disputes the verdict of the combined Jirga or the Jirga of a different or neutral tribe is generally honored. Any violation of the truce between the parties brings the wrath of almost the entire tribe on the heads of the defaulters. If the offenders are too powerful and defy the decision of a Jirga, then in grave cases a "Lashkar" (a body of armed tribesmen) is assembled to exact obedience. The Lashkar normally demands a security in rifles from the defaulters for observance of the truce before it disperses.

Previously, the Moghul, Sikh and British rulers in India resorted to various tactics to control these tribesmen. Some used the bait of granting allowances to the Maliks; others tried to sow dissensions in their ranks; and some tried to intimidate them through a show of force, or even mounted punitive expeditions to subdue them. But none worked.

When in 1947 Pakistan came into being and these areas became part of its territory,

the Pakistan government decided to leave these tribesmen alone in the sphere of law and order and started laying greater stress on their economic development.

At the very outset, Pakistan decided to withdraw troops from the tribal areas, leaving only the civil armed forces, such as local scouts or militia, to look after the government installations and communications. Though some tribes appreciated this gesture of goodwill, others did not because it deprived them of a considerable source of income in the shape of contracts for supplies and services to the army. The government had, therefore, to review its policy and reorganize the abandoned forts and camps. But apart from looking after the strategic installations, it left the tribesmen undisturbed in their tribal areas.

But a vigorous effort is continuing without any let up for the development of these areas which before 1947 had seen no economic advancement except some strategic roads. Government funding of development programs in these areas has been constantly rising

and special agencies, like the federally-administered Tribal Areas Development Authority, have been making considerable breakthroughs in various sectors of the tribal economy.

New roads have been built, linking these areas with other parts of the country. Several schools, dispensaries and hospitals have also been constructed. Considerable farmland has been developed where the tribesmen are growing foodgrains, vegetables and fruits. Small industries have also been started. A particular emphasis is being laid on increasing the supply of drinking water. Several development schemes are under execution, and it is expected that their completion will give a new economic face to these areas.

Tribesmen themselves are becoming increasingly drawn into the mainstream of the country's national life. They have started moving out of their territories to take up jobs in the army, offices, factories and construction projects. They are also in the lucrative contracting, transport and trading businesses. Their fleets of buses, wagons and trucks ply

all over Pakistan, doing a thriving business. Some of them have also built houses in major cities and send their children for education in the country's best institutions. Vast agricultural lands have also been given by the government to the tribesmen in other areas where numerous tribal families have settled for good.

The economic shape of the tribal belt of Pakistan has in fact changed so much that every year hundreds of thousands of Powindah nomads, or "kuchis" as they are popularly called, come over to this region from neighboring Afghanistan in search of a livelihood or to barter while grazing their cattle in local pastures.

Some years back, the government, moved by economic considerations, decided to impose certain restrictions on this seasonal migration of Powindahs. But, despite the best preventive efforts of its border forces, infiltration into Pakistan has continued almost unabated through myriads of routes and paths. With the passage of time, a number of villages have sprung up in various border districts of Pakistan where Powindahs have built their mudhouses and settled permanently. And, in addition to trade and commerce, they have taken to farming as well.

Antique shares make more money

By Victoria Horstmann

NEW YORK, (LAT) — It has taken 44 years, but investors who bought Stutz Motor Co. stock during its last days on the old New York Curb Exchange (now the American Stock Exchange) finally have a paper profit.

The stock sold for \$2.50 a share then, and shortly afterward Stutz went out of business. But thanks to a fast-growing army of "scrippophiles," a Stutz stock certificate recently brought \$130 at a public auction — which figures out to \$2.60 for each of the 50 shares it represented.

"Scrippophily" is the name coined by the British for the hobby of collecting antique financial documents — stock and bond certificates, old checks, and other such papers. At its recent biannual auction of old certificates here, R. M. Smythe and Co., a 100-year-old securities valuation firm, sold 210 documents for more than \$49,000 to nearly 150 active auction participants. The crowd was double the number which showed up for Smythe's best auction in October 1980, and bidders came from as far away as Florida, London, and Brussels.

Diana Herzog, vice president of Smythe, estimates that there are now 3,000 to 5,000 "scrippophiles" in the United States. The antique financial certificate collecting craze began in Germany, according to Mrs. Herzog, but there are probably more collectors in England today than anywhere else.

"Collectors are anybody," says Mrs. Herzog. "They can be truck drivers or president of a company. There is no social connotation here. The reason collectors should buy is for the pleasure of owning an old document. The scarier the piece, the more exciting it is."

Scarcity, of course, also drives up the value of an antique certificate, which is a factor attracting investors to the world of "scrippophily." Age, the quality of engraving, and the presence of a recognizable signature also make old certificates more valuable.

A certificate for 1,000 shares of New York and Harlem Railroad stock dated 1863 and

signed by Cornelius Vanderbilt brought \$3,000 at the Smythe auction last October. And at the most recent auction, a 1793 canceled check drawn on the Bank of the United States and signed by Thomas Jefferson sold for \$1,700.

Mrs. Herzog says American engraving of the 19th century was "far superior to anything in Europe because of the great American preoccupation with forgery." The state of the engraving art had to advance quickly to stay a step ahead of the counterfeiters. And today, that advanced technique brings higher prices. A 6 per cent bond issued by the Colony of Massachusetts Bay and engraved by Paul Revere sold for \$1,600 at a Smythe auction.

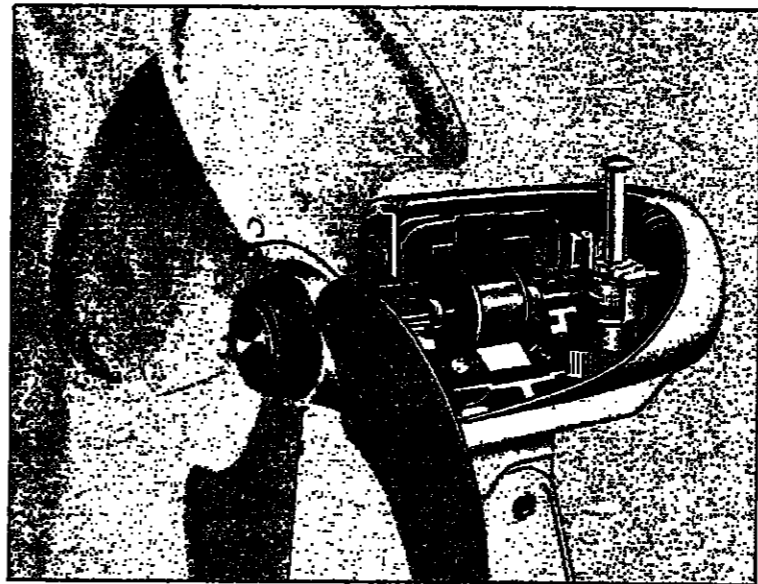
Smythe describes itself as the largest dealer in old financial certificates in the country. The activity was a natural outgrowth of its primary business — tracing information about companies that no longer exist. Smythe's traditional customers include persons who stumble across old stock certificates in a long-forgotten trunk stored in the attic. A client who sends a photocopy of the certificate along with \$20 to the company gets back a report and evaluation of the certificate.

A Florida woman, for example recently wrote to Smythe about 1920s-Vintage stock certificates she found for a company called Westco-Eastern Oil. Smythe discovered that the firm had been acquired by Crew Levick Co. in 1930, and that Levick in turn became a subsidiary of Cities Service Co. It turned out that the woman was entitled to \$19 cash per share.

Many old certificates, of course, are worthless — except possibly as collectors' items. For the last two years there has been a public market for such documents in the Smythe auctions. There are other antique certificate dealers in the United States as well, but none of the others is known to conduct similar auctions.

The largest antique certificate dealers are in London, where Mrs. Herzog and her husband, Smythe president John Herzog, opened an office six months ago.

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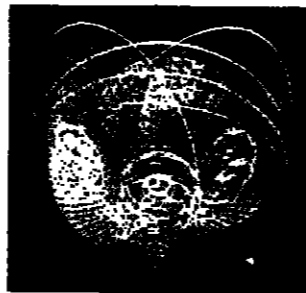


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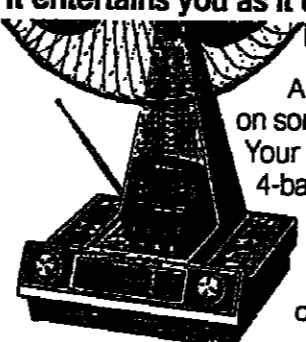
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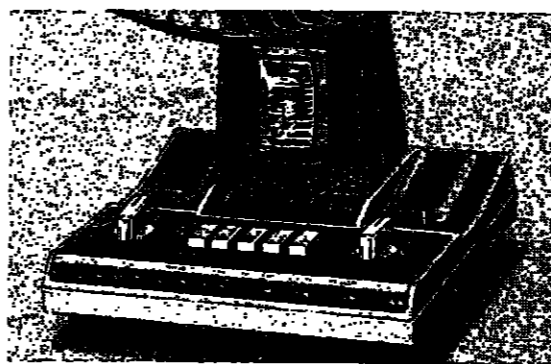


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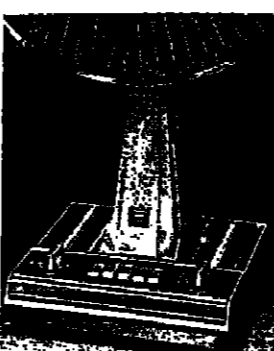


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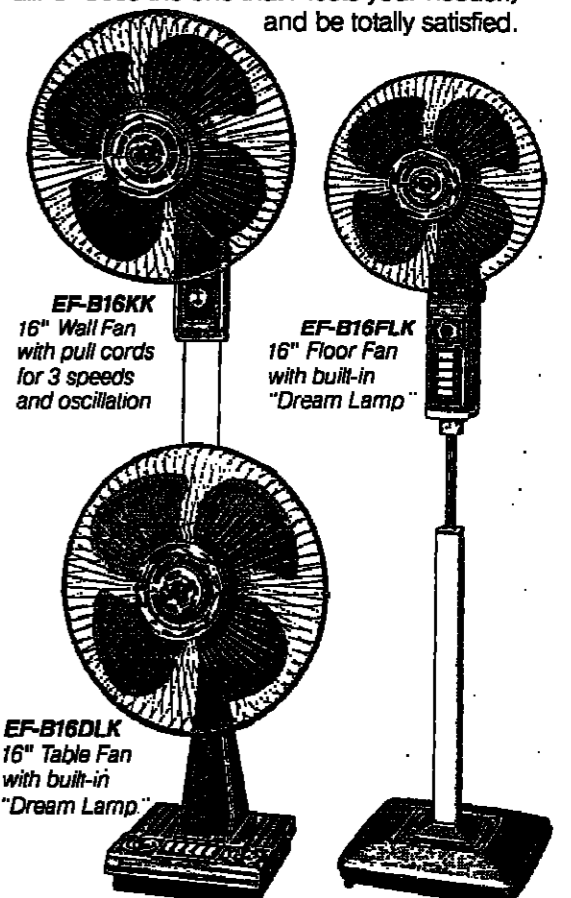
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Muslims evacuate Filipino island

ZAMBOANGA CITY, Philippines April 20 (AP) — More than 2,000 Muslims have evacuated Pata Island in the southern Philippines in the face of a projected military operation against Muslim liberation forces, local officials said Monday. Some 200 to 300 Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) volunteers are believed hiding out in Pata, where 119 army troopers were massacred last Feb. 12. The MNLF spearheads a movement for Muslim rule in the south.

The island, located 160 kms southeast of Zamboanga and 976 kms south of Manila, has an estimated Muslim population of 8,500. A spokesman for the Zamboanga-based Muslim regional executive council, which administers Muslim affairs in the area, said a motor vessel, used to ferry food supplies to Pata, evacuated between 2,000 and 3,000 residents to nearby Jolo Island a few days ago.

Council officials said economic hardship and fear of getting involved in the fighting between troopers and MNLF forces forced the residents to leave. About 100 persons were reported killed in an initial military operation following the Feb. 12 massacre. Later, the military declared a unilateral ceasefire to allow the liberation forces to surrender, but military sources said preparations are under way for a resumption of the operation.

Meanwhile, President Ferdinand E. Marcos warned Monday of "more forceful measures" against terrorists following a bomb attack on a Roman Catholic cathedral that left 13 dead and more than 150 wounded. Military authorities have blamed Communist guerrillas for the two grenade explosions that rocked the San Pedro Cathedral in the heart of Davao city in the southern Mindanao region.

Eleven persons were initially reported killed but Davao police said Monday two of the wounded died later in hospitals. In a statement reported by the government television, Marcos, facing a presidential election next June, said "if terrorism continues in Mindanao, election or no election, I will take more forceful measures."

Atlanta's slaying toll increases to 24

ATLANTA, April 20 (AP) — A partially decomposed body found Sunday afternoon on the edge of the South River in southeast Dekalb county has been identified by authorities as that of 15-year-old Joseph Bell, last seen March 2 at a restaurant where he occasionally did odd jobs. The youth was the 24th young black found dead in the Atlanta area in the past 21 months.

Dekalb county police spokesman Chuck Johnson said the body was found on dry ground in an area where the river had receded. Bell was the third young black found in the South River or on its banks since July 1979 when the string of slayings began. He was the sixth victim found in or near area rivers.

In March, the body of 13-year-old Curtis Walker was found in the South River about 16 kms east of where the body was found Sunday. Last November, the body of nine-year-old Aaron Jackson was found on the banks of the South River in southwest Atlanta. And since December, three bodies of young blacks have been found dumped in the Chattahoochee River west of Atlanta.

Johnson said the special police task force that has been investigating 23 earlier slayings and two disappearances was called in



ANOTHER VICTIM: Joseph Bell, a 16-year-old black youth, was found in the South River in southeast Dekalb county in Atlanta Sunday. Bell's case fits the profile of most of the 23 other bodies found in Atlanta in the past 21 months. Right: George Hood, the foster father of Larry Rogers, Atlanta's 23rd victim, wipes his eyes at Larry's funeral.

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Tornadoes pummel eastern India

CALCUTTA, April 20 (AP) — A series of tornadoes struck eastern India again Sunday, killing at least seven persons and injuring scores, local officials reported. As many as 150 villagers were estimated killed in a violent storm that lashed the coastal regions of Orissa state Friday.

The Sunday tornadoes, gusting up to 100 kms per hour, flattened hundreds of village homes, uprooted trees and knocked out power and communications lines in West Bengal and Orissa states, news reports said.

Calcutta, peopled by 9.2 million, was also hit by a hurricane that disrupted railroad services in the region. News agencies said four persons died in West Bengal and three in Orissa. The meteorological office here warned the public Sunday night that a strong tornado was expected to lash eastern India in the next 24 hours.

Cuban troop withdrawal Angola rejects U.S. envoy's terms

LISBON, April 20 (AP) — Angola has informed the United States it will accept no prior conditions, such as a withdrawal of Cuban troops, from its soil, for possible diplomatic relations between Luanda and Washington, the Portuguese national news agency ANOP reported here.

Citing a dispatch from ANGOP, Angola's news service, the report quoted Foreign Minister Paulo Jorge as saying Sunday he had brought up the question of possible U.S. Angolan ties in talks with Washington envoy Chester Crocker. Saturday, Crocker, the Reagan administration's designated assistant secretary of state for African affairs, discussed Angola and U.N.-backed proposals for Namibian independence with the minister during a 24-hour weekend Luanda visit.

Referring to Washington's known desire to see the estimated 17,000 Cubans depart the former Portuguese colony before an exchange of diplomats, Jorge stood firm against a political settlement. "This question must not depend on prior conditions put up by either party," he said.

He said Crocker left Luanda "with a good understanding of the positions of the popular republic of Angola and of what we think of the United States." The Washington diplomat's Angolan visit ended a tour of African capitals for consultations on a possible Namibian settlement and served as the Reagan administration's maiden voyage on African affairs.

The Marxist popular movement for the independence of Angola (MPLU) won a three-way civil war in 1976 with Soviet arms and Cuban combat support and has not been officially recognized by the United States government as the nation's legitimate government. Early moves from the new Washington administration included indications of possible support for the forces of South African linked Jonas Savimbi's UNITA party and strained the two nations' already cool relations.

Students back Maputo

MAPUTO, April 20 (AFP) — About 5,000 Mozambican, East German and exiled South African students marched here Sunday to demonstrate their readiness to defend Mozambique against South African military incursions, the official news agency has reported. The students were from the African National Congress (ANC), which is banned by Pretoria. South African commandos struck into a Maputo suburb in January against ANC targets.

China stifles opposition Two activists held

PEKING, April 20 (AP) — Two political activists, including an editor, have been arrested as Chinese authorities try to stifle all dissent and uproot the tiny democracy movement, according to Chinese and foreign sources. The arrests were the first known political detentions in more than a year. The sources, who asked not to be identified, said even China's mildest activists are fearful of a new wave of repression.

On April 10, the sources said Sunday, police handcuffed and detained Xu Wenli, 36, editor of the defunct magazine *April Fifth Forum* and his colleague Yang Jing. The charges were not known. The last known political arrest took place in November 1979 when police arrested another editor of the magazine, Liu Qing. He was sentenced to three years of labor reform for organizing the sale of a transcript of a dissident's trial.

The *April Fifth Forum* was a journal of mild political and social comment. It has not been published for months but Xu had been putting out a mailed newsletter under the constitutional freedom of correspondence. It was not known if the newsletter still was being published at the time of his arrest. Xu had emphasized in previous interviews that he was not a dissident, but a "centrist" and that he supported socialism.

Last October Xu, an electrician, said in an interview: "The essence of the right of free speech is the right to air views that are erroneous, distasteful and contrary to the views of the leaders" as long as no one advocates armed unrest. "If China only permits the views that echo the leadership, he said, "there is no way to speak of real freedom of speech."

The Communist Party recently issued a document denouncing all dissidents and calling for an end to all political activism. The document forbids association with activists and calls on all units to report anyone with the slightest known deviations from the orthodox line. Anyone who knowingly provides paper and ink to an activist can be expelled from the

Communist Party, it says. In an unrelated development, the United Nations has contributed vitamins to nearly 35,000 mothers and children suffering from malnutrition and rickets in the worst drought in 37 years in north China's Hebei province, UN sources said Monday. A UNICEF team which visited Henshui prefecture in the province said the UN Children's Emergency Fund had given out about eight million vitamins to 12,000 pregnant women and 22,000 children under six years old — enough for two months, to tide them over until the next harvest. The yield from that harvest is expected to be meager.

UNICEF representatives said, however, that only a small fraction of the needy received vitamins because of the limited supply. About five million peasants in Hebei province, adjacent to Peking, have been severely affected by the drought, having lost 70 to 80 per cent of their crop.

Suzuki plans trip to Europe in June

TOKYO, April 20 (AP) — Japanese Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki is planning trips to West Germany, France and Britain in June, a foreign ministry official said Monday. Suzuki will meet with U.S. President Ronald Reagan in early May. The ministry official said no schedules for his European trips have been completed. Newspaper reports said the tour may come in mid- or late-June.

The Tokyo *Shimshu*, metropolitan daily, said West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt hopes to talk with his Japanese counterpart before a summit talk of seven Western-bloc nations in Ottawa on July 20 and 21. Kyodo news service said Suzuki would promote Japan's solidarity with Western countries and lay groundwork for the Ottawa meeting through prior consultations on trade and coordinated policies toward the Soviet Union.

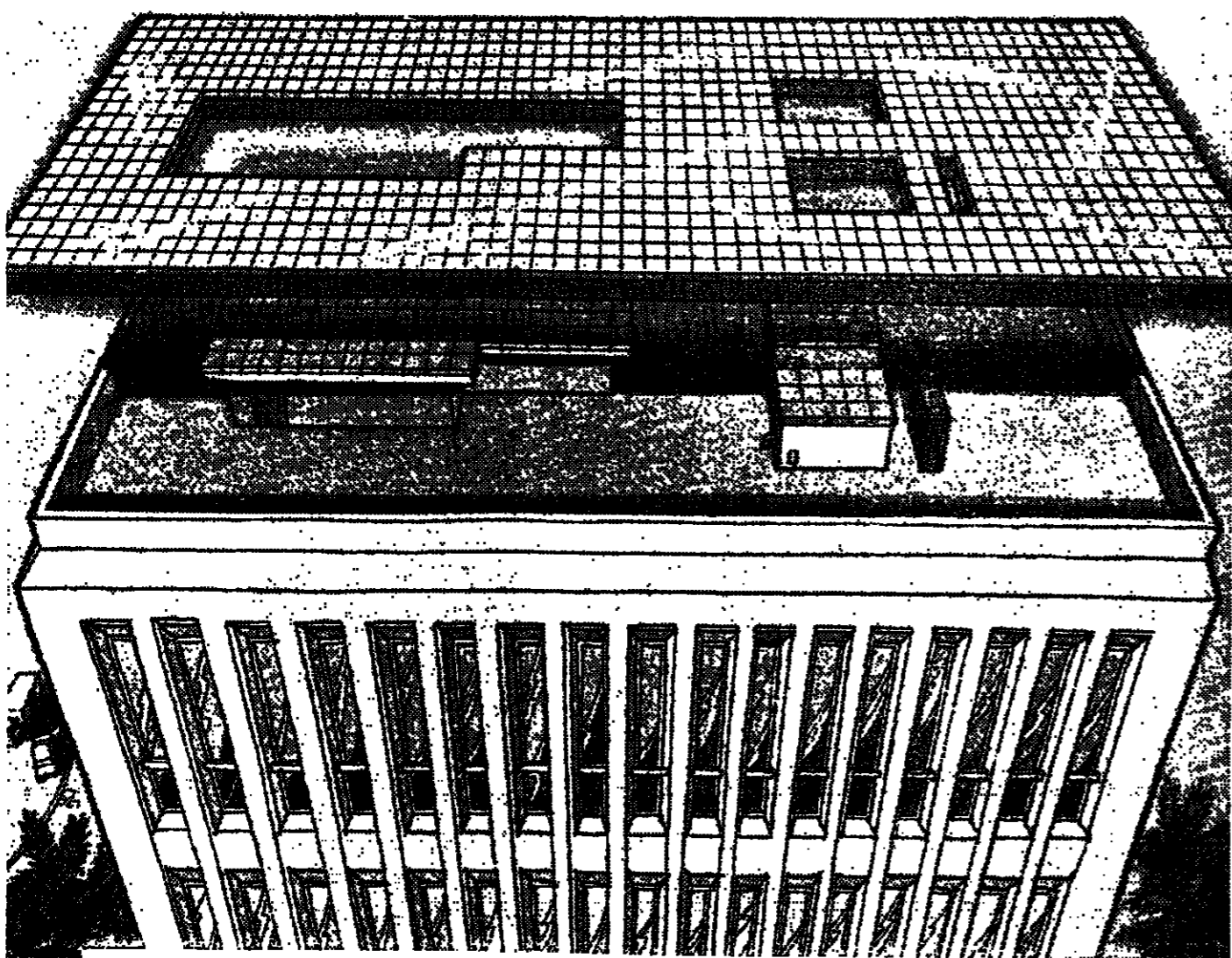
Radiation detected in Japan's seabed

TOKYO, April 20 (Agencies) — Abnormally high levels of radioactivity on the seabed near a nuclear power plant in western Japan were probably caused by an overflow of radioactive water from the plant, the Japanese parliament was told Monday. Hiroshi Takahashi, an official of the government energy agency, told parliament that the Tsuruga power plant had not reported an overflow of radioactive waste water from a sludge storage tank at a radioactive waste disposal unit on March 8. Last Saturday the agency said it had detected uncommon amounts of radiation in seabed soil and weeds some 700 meters from the Japan Atomic Power Company plant on Urazoko Bay.

The local Fukui prefectural government said fish caught in the bay were completely free from contamination. International Trade Minister Rokusuke Tanaka said Monday that his ministry would make safety checks on all 22 nuclear power plants in Japan.

Operations at the plant have been suspended since the beginning of this after a radioactive water leak attributed to reactor malfunction was detected. According to the Fukui prefectural health institute officials, the drainage system in question drew off rain water and non-radioactive waste water from the plant's administration building. It is theoretically improbable for radioactivity-laced waste to have forced way into the bay by the outlet in question, officials said.

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Castro shrugs off threats

Four U.S. sailors held at Cuba coast

WASHINGTON, April 20 (AP) — Cuban authorities have taken four U.S. sailors into custody near the navy's Guantanamo base on Cuba's southern coast, the State Department said Monday. The four sailors were boating when picked up at 2:20 p.m. (1920 GMT) Sunday, said spokesman Joe Reap. "It is not known what they were doing," he said.



Cuban President Fidel Castro

The Cuban Foreign Ministry informed Washington of the matter Sunday evening through the U.S. interests section of the Swiss Embassy in Havana, he said. "They said they were conducting an investigation," Reap said.

Asked if Cuban authorities had accused the Americans of any offenses, Reap replied, "not that I know of." The spokesman said he did not have the identities of the sailors.

It was not known what, if any, connection the incident had with Cuba's 20th anniversary celebrations of the defeat of a U.S.-backed invasion force at the Bay of Pigs. Officers on duty at the Pentagon's National Military Command Center declined to release any information about the incident.

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**Fake story
American paper admits editors' failure**

WASHINGTON, April 20 (AP) — A fake story in *The Washington Post* that won a Pulitzer Prize was published because of the inexcusable failure of editors to do their jobs, the newspaper has concluded.

In a report to readers that covered 3 1/2 pages in the Sunday edition, the *Post's* ombudsman, Bill Green, said the made-up story of an 8-year-old heroin addict got in the newspaper because of "the failure of a system that, in another industry, might be called 'quality control.' On newspapers, it is called editing."

The story, "Jimmy's World," was awarded the prize in the feature category on April 13. On Wednesday, two days later, the reporter who wrote it, Janet Cooke, admitted the fabrication, returned the prize and resigned. Green's account was based on 47 interviews. Miss Cooke declined to be interviewed.

"It was a complete systems failure, and there's no excuse for it," said Green. One of

the major flaws, Green concluded, was that in reporting the story, Miss Cooke was promised anonymity for her sources and was never forced to reveal them to her editors.

Miss Cooke's editors "should have asked tough questions ... and every staffer who had a serious doubt about 'Jimmy' had an unavoidable responsibility to pursue it, hard," Green concluded. Green also concluded that "this business of trusting reporters absolutely goes too far. Clearly it did in this case ... Editors have to insist on knowing and verifying. That's one of the big reasons they hold their jobs."

The ombudsman noted that doubts of other reporters and first-line editors never reached senior editors. "While editors repeatedly talked about their trust in reporters, the trust apparently applies only to written stories, not to reporters' opinions. Otherwise, somebody with authority would have heard something about those persistent

doubts on the Cooke story and would have investigated," he said.

Ben Bradlee, executive editor, told Green that "nobody ever came in ... and said, 'I have doubts about the story' — before or after publication — and nobody said someone else had misgivings about the story." The *Post*, "given its competitive nature, may very well have unwittingly encouraged (Miss Cooke's) success and thereby hastened her failure," Green wrote. "Hers was an aberration that grew in fertile ground, according to one reporter."

After the story was published last September, district of Columbia police and Mayor Marion Barry said they did not believe it was true. Police and social agencies hunted for the child but could not find him. The criticism caused the *Post* to go into what metro editor Bob Woodward called "our Watergate mode: protect the source and back the reporter."

Kosovo schools resume classes

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia, April 20 (AP) — Examinations began Monday at Pristina University, the starting point last month of Albanian nationalist riots that left at least nine persons dead and 260 injured. Classes resumed in high schools, but a state of emergency remained in force on the streets of this southern city. Paramilitary troops patrolled to guard against disturbances.

The riots broke out March 11, when protests for better living conditions for the university's 35,000 students took on nationalist overtones. Some demonstrators called for a union of Kosovo province and neighboring Albania.

Pristina is the capital of Kosovo, Yugoslavia's poorest province and an area of tensions between Serbs and ethnic Albanians, who make up some 85 per cent of the province's 1.5 million residents. The Serbs have traditionally held a disproportionate share of political and economic power, the Albanians say.

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**Possibility of long war
Pentagon evolving new plan**

WASHINGTON, April 20 (AP) — Defense strategists in the administration of President Ronald Reagan are beginning to think about the possibility that a European war with the Soviet Union might be long and fought with only conventional weapons, Pentagon sources say.

If these thoughts evolve into formal doctrine, it would represent a sharp break from past assumptions that a major European conflict probably would be decided within 30 to 60 days — before any major mobilization could be carried out — and probably would require the use of tactical nuclear weapons.

The sources said over the weekend that Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger is interested in "looking more seriously at the possibility of a longer conflict," perhaps even outside Europe as well as on that continent. No decisions have been made, said the sources, who requested anonymity.

Fast planning has emphasized the importance of having combat-ready forces in western Europe, along with adequate war reserve supplies, and having forces in the United States which could quickly reinforce the forward units in Europe. Units of America's National Guard and reserve forces would, under such a scenario, be thrown into battle early.

A major weakness continues to be a lack of heavy airlift to move tanks, other large weapons and enough ammunition across the Atlantic in an emergency. Such a lack could also be weakness in a longer war, but shipping probably would be called on more in a long conflict if a front stabilizes.

A long-war plan would require different mobilization plans, both for manpower and industry. Officials said serious thought would have to be given to revitalizing the selective service system to make replacements available quickly.

5 skilled as tornado hits town in U.S.

TULSA, Oklahoma, April 20 (AP) — A tornado slammed into a country church filled with worshippers and killed five persons in a nearby trailer park Sunday night, leaving scores homeless, officials say. The victims of the tornado — four of them members of the same family — were found after the storm severely damaged at least 70 homes in Tulsa and Bixby, a rural suburb to the south, police said.

A spokesman for the civil defense said police were asked to help control looting that broke out south of Tulsa in the Bixby area soon after the evening storm abated. Tulsa county Deputy Sheriff Buddy Mabree said

four of the Bixby victims were two parents and their children.

The storm that swung out of Kansas and dropped hailstones the size of tennis balls before turning on the Tulsa area apparently spawned more than one tornado. The American Red Cross set up a shelter in Tulsa for the families left homeless by the storm.

A meteorologist for the National Weather Service said the Bixby damage was definitely caused by a tornado. The tornado hit during a severe storm that snapped power and telephone lines throughout the Tulsa area and battered an undetermined number of homes.

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8.4% rise in GNP

U.S. economic growth surges

WASHINGTON, May 20 (R) — The United States' economy grew at its fastest pace for nearly three years during the first quarter of 1981 despite stubborn inflation and high interest rates, the government has reported.

The first quarter GNP now is estimated at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$2.854 trillion. That translates into \$1.516 trillion in 1972, the department's benchmark for discounting inflationary changes. The first quarter gain is the biggest since the 9 percent recorded in the second quarter of 1978.

The Commerce Department issued revised figures for the gross national product (GNP), the total value of goods and services after adjustment for inflation, which showed an annual growth rate of 8.4 percent between January and March. Figures issued last month put GNP growth at an annual 6.5 percent during the first quarter, but the department said it had underestimated U.S. exports and overestimated the amount of foreign goods, especially petroleum, brought into the country.

The new figures had an immediate effect

on currency markets pushing the dollar up to 2.3040 marks from its opening 2.2928 in London Tuesday morning. The unexpectedly strong showing came as President Reagan was trying to persuade Congress to enact his combined program of deep budget and tax cuts.

The House and Senate have already agreed to slash government spending, but have set to deal with the president's controversial demand for individual tax cuts. Administration economists are still predicting that despite rapid growth in the first three months of this year, the economy is headed for a sluggish period and possibly a new recession.

They have cited rising interest rates as putting extra strain on the already troubled car and housing industries. Several major banks raised the interest they charge their best corporate customers to a near-record 20 percent this week.

Top administration officials, including Treasury Secretary Donald Regan, have said they are willing to tolerate painfully high interest rates until inflation can be brought down to satisfactory levels. The Commerce

Limiting car exports

EEC seeks U.S.-type pact with Japan

BRUSSELS, May 20 (R) — The EEC foreign ministers have called on Japan to restrain its car exports to the community, a statement issued after a council meeting here says. The council urged Japan to give the EEC the same treatment as the United States, with which Japan signed a pact limiting car exports earlier this month.

The meeting Tuesday gave formal backing to the EEC commission which will negotiate for an accord with Japan.

But EEC sources said there was still no agreement among the 10-member countries as to exactly what level of car exports the commission should ask Japan to agree to.

Belgium, worst hit by rising Japanese car exports, which in the last few months have taken 27 percent of its market, has asked Japan to reduce exports to around 7 percent. West Germany, which is keen on maintaining EEC's open trading system to avoid protectionism, is opposed to it. Others in the EEC want Japan to cut exports to the 1979 level.

This they feel could, in fact, leave the EEC commission with a freer hand in discussions with the Japanese government, due to be re-opened later this month.

The EEC and Japan are due to hold routine high-level talks on trade in Brussels later this month, which will be attended on the Japanese side by Japan's Deputy Minister for Trade and Industry Nao Ro Amayasu.

In their statement, the latest in a long line of declarations of EEC concern over the community's deteriorating trade balance with Japan, the foreign ministers reaffirmed their anxiety that no cars should be diverted from the U.S. market to the EEC as a result

of the the U.S.-Japan pact.

This and a commitment by Japan that exports of passenger cars to the EEC should be subjected to measures similar to those decided by Japan and the U.S. should be the main features of an EEC-Japan agreement.

The ministers reaffirmed the statement of last November about the need to curb Japanese exports in sensitive sectors of the community.

This called for "effective moderation designed to produce early and tangible results" and emphasized that measures should apply to the European Community as a whole, and not just to specific national markets.

The EEC foreign ministers reiterated calls to Japan to increase its imports of community products to redress a trade balance which showed a deficit to the EEC of \$11 billion last year.

According to Japanese government figures, Japan exported 770,330 cars to the then nine-member EEC and Greece last year, an increase of 19 percent over 1979.

Department said its latest calculations indicate inflation was an annual 10 percent in the first quarter, much higher than the 7 percent originally reported.

Meanwhile, the Agriculture Department said Tuesday that the value of the United States exports of arm commodities will climb to \$46 billion this fiscal year, up 14 percent from \$40.5 billion in 1979-80.

The actual volume of commodity shipments was estimated at a record 16 million metric tons, down 2 million from February, but still above the previous year's mark of 163.9 million. A metric ton is about 2,205 pounds.

Imports of agricultural products were estimated at \$18 billion, unchanged from earlier. That would mean a favorable U.S. agricultural trade balance of \$28 billion an increase of \$5 billion from 1979-80, the report said.

The value of imports this year is increasing for "competitive" commodities such as oil seeds, wines, grain products and seeds, but is declining for "non-competitive" items such as cocoa and coffee, it said.



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Doubling exports

Oil glut worries Iran

TEHRAN, May 20 (R) — The present world oil glut might limit Iran's plans to boost oil exports, Deputy Oil Minister Muhammad Sadeq Ayatollahi was quoted as saying.

The Iranian government's draft budget for 1981-82 proposed to double oil exports to 2.5 million barrels per day (BPD). Iran is currently believed to be exporting 1.3 million BPD.

The official Pars news agency quoted Tuesday Ayatollahi as saying Iran should exploit its oil resources according to the needs of the government and the country. "But the market glut and the problems created by the conservative faction of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), which supplies the market in excess of demand, would probably cause some limitations," he was quoted as saying. The govern-

ment had hoped to cover about 72 per cent of its proposed 3.3 trillion rials (\$44 billion) budget from oil revenues to avoid another massive deficit.

Prime Minister Muhammad Ali Rajai, meanwhile, said in an interview published Tuesday that lack of coordination between the government and Central Bank Governor Ali Reza Nobari was making it hard to run the country. Rajai's comments to the newspaper *Kayhan* confirmed persistent reports of friction between the clergy-dominated government and the bank governor. Earlier, authoritative sources in Tehran said the government had decided not to allow a team led by Nobari to go to a meeting of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) being held in Libreville, Gabon, this week.

"Lack of coordination between the central bank head and the government has created a real problem in running the country and I hope this will be sorted out soon," he was quoted as saying. Last week, President Abolhasan Bani-Sadr, himself at loggerheads with Rajai, accused the government of trying to oust Nobari and establish control over the bank.

Third World agrees on 'S-S' tie-up

CARABALLEDA, Venezuela, May 20 (AFP) — The Third World "Group of 77" agreed here Tuesday on an action program for "South-South" economic cooperation.

In the shorthand of international economic relations, South-South refers to relations among the developing countries, as opposed to negotiations between the Third-World "South" and the industrialized "North." Transnational firms, operating across borders with more power than many an individual government and often to the detriment of developing countries, have long been classed as villains by the Third World caucus, which is still called the group of 77 even though it has grown to include 122 members.

But one of the decisions taken here was for the Third World to set up its own multinationals in specific economic fields. The group also decided to encourage the spread of regional economic teamwork and to set up a network of experts and committees to coordinate and improve cooperation in the fields of energy, food, raw materials, finance, trade, industrialization and technology.

It also voted to set up a fund, fed by voluntary contributions, to finance the promotion of their program, which they dubbed "the Caracas action plan" (Caraballeda is a seaside resort close to the Venezuelan capital.) Participants here saw the action plan as a landmark in the development of South-South cooperation and as a constructive approach to present international economic problems.

In a separate statement, which did not form part of the action-plan text, the group criticized the industrialized world, saying the developed countries were blocking North-South global economic negotiations. The conference went on record as saying that while South-South cooperation could strengthen the Third World's hand, it must not be seen as a substitute for overall North-South negotiations toward "a new international economic order."

Soviet oil output seen at 11m bpd in 1985

WASHINGTON, May 20 (AP) — The U.S. Central Intelligence Agency has substantially increased its estimate of future oil production in the Soviet Union, scrapping a 1977 prediction that the Russians would be forced to begin importing large amounts of oil by 1985.

The CIA now projects that Soviet oil production will be between 10 million and 11 million barrels daily in 1985. The earlier forecast had predicted production would drop to between 8 million and 10 million barrels. The Soviet Union's current level of 12 million barrels makes it the world's largest oil-producer, followed by Saudi Arabia and the United States. The new forecast has not been formally released, but has been discussed publicly by CIA officials at two recent conferences.

BRIEFS

LONDON, (AFP) — Pan American World Airways may ask for compensation from the British government for extra costs arising from the current air traffic controllers' strikes in Britain, the *Financial Times* newspaper said Wednesday. The company told John Biffen, secretary of state for trade, that its losses from strike action are huge, but it gave no details. It was not prepared to bear even part of these costs.

ROME, (AFP) — Olivetti is linking with

Savin of the U.S. to form Savin Olivetti Corporation, in which the Italian firm has a 30 per cent share. This joint subsidiary will distribute Olivetti office machinery in the U.S., while Olivetti will sell Savin photocopying machines outside the U.S.

WASHINGTON, (AFP) — If the U.S. abandons the clinch river fast breeder reactor project in Tennessee, the U.S. will be dependent on outside know-how and will have to buy foreign technology, the nuclear equipment firms and electricity companies said in a joint report.

MONTREAL, (AFP) — The number of fatal accidents per volume of air traffic last year reached its lowest level in 20 years the International Civil Aviation Organization said Wednesday. The number of persons killed per 100 million passenger-kilometers dropped sharply, from 0.10 in 1979 to 80 in 1980.

BONN, (AFP) — West Germany will this year grant \$130 million in economic aid to Egypt, and a deal to this effect was being signed here Wednesday. This assistance will comprise straightforward financial aid and technical aid particularly directed toward the railways, telecommunications and water supplies.

Authority	Description	Tender No.	Price SR	Closing Date
Ministry of PTT, Saudi Telephone	Supply and installation of electric transformers	110190	300	8-6-81
" " "	Supply of miscellaneous materials	380080	100	8-6-81
" " "	Supply of security locks	120150	50	1-6-81
" " "	Supply of words processing system	120160	200	1-6-81
" " "	Supply of lead covers	380050	300	15-6-81
" " "	Supply of bearings, plastic clips, fluorescent lamps, safety belts, protective head covers, etc.	380030	100	15-6-81

PORTS AUTHORITY JEDDAH ISLAMIC PORT SHIPS MOVEMENTS UPTO 0700 HOURS ON 20TH MAY, 1981/16TH RAJAB, 1401

Berth	Name of Vessel	Agent	Type of Cargo	Arrival Date
3.	El Vina	Fayez	Durra/Tobacco/M.Seeds	16.5.81
5.	Golden Jeddah	El Hawi	Gen/Plywood/Pipes/Steel	16.5.81
6.	Efdim Junior	Algezirah	Flour/Beans/Tiles-Rice	19.5.81
7.	Skerion	Bernaodah	Bagged Barley	16.5.81
8.	Trinulo	S.C.S.A.	Bagged Barley	19.5.81
13.	Maracna 1	O.C.E.	Iron/Timber/Tiles/General	15.5.81
18.	Zeus 1	Rolaco	Bulk Cement	16.5.81
19.	Grens	Alasabah	Bulk Cement	19.5.81
20.	Saudi Prince	Orri	Gen/Cement/Steel	14.5.81
21.	Balder Gent	Alasada	Telephone Poles	18.5.81
22.	Saudi Enterprise	O.Trade	Tiles/Rebar/Const Mats/General	19.5.81
25.	Marlanthe	Eneni	Contra/Cement/Gen.	19.5.81
28.	Navi Star	Alas	Rifles	18.5.81
38.	Haluyo Maru	O.C.E.	Reaffer	19.5.81
40.	Rima 'G'	El Hawi	Softwood	17.5.81
43.	Eugenie S. Embriicos	Alpha	Bagged Barley	16.5.81

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Edward Rutledge	Kanoo	General	19.5.81
Trinulo	S.C.S.A.	Bagged Barley	19.5.81
Nemesis	Kanoo	Behicles	19.5.81
Marlanthe	Eneni	Contra/Cement/Gen.	19.5.81
Grens	Alasabah	Bulk Cement	19.5.81
Ionian Carrier	Rolaco	Bulk Cement	20.5.81

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2.	Sunny Trader	Salta	Bagged Cement	10.5.81
4.	Asia No.-11	SMC	Gen/Steel/Plywood	19.5.81
5.	Evermore Ascendant	Kanoo	General	19.5.81
12.	Ydra	U.E.P.	Bagged Sugar	19.5.81
13.	Banstad	Alasada	Pipes/General	19.5.81
14.	Gui Jiang	Orri	General	18.5.81
15.	Maersk	Orri	Rice	16.5.
14.	Gui Jiang	Orri	General	18.5.81
15.	Maersk Astro	Kanoo	Container	20.5.81
17.	Fumura	Orri	Rice	15.5.81
18.	Amalthes	Gulf	Frozen Chickens	17.5.81
19.	Gama Phosphate	U.E.P.	Gen/Cement/Steel	18.5.81
21.	Yongfan Lu	Gosabli	Contra/Gen.	19.5.81
25.	Australia Maru	A.E.T.	Containers	20.5.81
27.	Barber Persus	Barber	Contra/Gen.	20.5.81
28.	Ibn Hazm	Kanoo	General	19.5.81
34.	Sohaniat	Alasada	General	13.5.81
35.	Fuping	Orri	General	13.5.81
36.	Trom Helvig (D.B.)	Alasabah	Bulk Cement	10.5.81
36.	New Spring (D.B.)	Alasabah	Bulk Cement	18.5.81
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Libya sees end to oil glut

BEIRUT, April 20 (R) — Libya's secretary for oil, Abdussalam Zagar, said in an interview published Monday that a glut of oil which has depressed prices of crude was not necessary and "could be removed by a simple decision."

The question of production levels was forcing itself upon OPEC (Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries), the secretary (minister) told a Beirut economic newsletter, the *al-Nahar Arab Report and Memo*. If the surplus was becoming dangerous for OPEC, a logical step at the next OPEC meeting in May would be to end the glut, he said.

However Saudi Arabia, the largest exporter, and some other OPEC nations have said their production levels are their affair and cannot be dictated by OPEC. Saudi Arabia has been producing almost two million barrels per day (BPD) more than its preferred ceiling of 8.5 million BPD, and Oil Minister Ahmad Zaki Yamani has said his country will not reduce output to end the glut until OPEC unifies its prices.

Analysts believed there was a production surplus of around two million BPD, Zagar said. This "could be removed by a simple decision," he said. "If we want to get a fair price — we are not saying we want to exaggerate prices and to exploit consuming countries — you cannot talk about how fair a price is without saying what you are producing and the state of supply and demand."

"You will be discussing production indirectly," he stated. On prices, Zagar said the market was softening. Prices could go up, but not sharply.

Panel tells Japan to establish space technology

TOKYO, April 20 (AFP) — An advisory organ to the government Monday stressed the need for Japan to establish its own space development technology.

The space industry basic problems consultative group gave a rosy forecast in a report on the potential of the Japanese space industry by predicting that it could develop into a 500,000 million yen \$2.2 billion industry by 1990, depending on efforts to be made by the government and the private sector.

The report was handed to the Director General of the International Trade and Industry Ministry's machinery and Information Bureau.

Officials said the ministry will translate the recommendations contained in the report into its space development policy for fiscal 1982, starting in April next year. The annual sales of the Japanese space industry are now estimated at 100,000 million yen \$458 million of which 20 per cent are exports.

The industry is currently engaged in the development and manufacture of rockets and ground facilities and in the development of facilities capable of utilizing satellites.

India accuses U.S. of protectionism

NEW DELHI, April 20 (AFP) — Commerce Minister Pranab Mukherjee Monday urged the United States "to observe certain international norms" when it imposes countervailing duties on Indian goods.

At a meeting on Indo-U.S. trade and industrial cooperation organized by the state-owned Engineering Export Promotion Council (EEPC), Mukherjee charged the United States with pursuing protectionist policies, disregarding international norms and creating uncertainty for long-term bilateral trade. "We do not deny that it is legitimate for any country to impose countervailing duties to neutralize the effect of export subsidies," he said.

Moi holds discussions with Abu Dhabi aides

NAIROBI, April 20 (AFP) — President Daniel Arap Moi of Kenya held talks Monday with two officials from the Abu Dhabi Fund for Arab Economic Development at Nakuru, 100 miles (160 kms), northwest of Nairobi.

The officials, Mahmud Ghelici and Taher Hajnoor, came to discuss aid to Kenya, particularly in crop and livestock production.

	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	—	8.60	8.91
Belgian Franc (1,000)	94.00	100.00	—
Canadian Dollar	2.81	3.20	—
Deutsche Mark (100)	155.00	154.50	152.80
French Franc (100)	140.00	—	137.45
Egyptian Pound	—	4.08	4.30
Emirate Dirham (100)	—	91.20	91.35
French Franc (100)	65.00	67.00	64.70
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	—	66.50
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	40.35
Iranian Ryal (100)	—	—	—
Iraqi Dinar	—	—	—
Italian Lira (10,000)	31.00	32.00	31.10
Japanese Yen (1,000)	15.50	—	15.50
Jordanian Dinar	—	10.29	10.25
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.23	12.16
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	83.80	83.80
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	70.50	69.30
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	—	34.00
Philippine Peso (100)	—	—	44.00
Pound Sterling	7.29	7.28	7.22
Qatari Riyal (100)	—	92.00	92.20
Singapore Dollar (100)	—	—	158.70
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	—	—	—
Swiss Franc (100)	169.00	173.00	167.60
Syrian Lira (100)	—	53.25	86.50
Turkish Lira (1,000)	—	—	—
U.S. Dollar	3.35	3.34	3.3500
Yemeni Ryal (100)	—	73.50	73.45

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Onion	1,660.00	1,635.00

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Under FAO auspices M.E. food talks open today

ROME, April 20 (AFP) — The 15th United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (F.A.O.) conference for the Middle East is to open here Tuesday, amid growing concern that food production is not keeping pace with the region's growing population.

Some 23 Islamic countries from Mauritania to Pakistan will be represented along with Cyprus at the conference, which will examine the adequacy of food reserves, agricultural reform, rural development and a plan for increasing animal herds, among other matters. The past decade has seen a population increase of 38 million people in the region, to 278 with 337 million expected by 1985, an FAO report stated.

Meanwhile, overall food production for the area has increased only 25 per cent, the F.A.O. added, noting that this figure included 100 per cent increase in Libya and Syria and

33 per cent Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and Tunisia. In many other countries, droughts, soil erosion and urbanization have led to overall drops in food production, it reported.

Thus, many countries are increasingly threatened by shortages, and dependent on international aid. But these countries were reluctant to invest in agricultural programs, the F.A.O. report noted.

Only 11 of these countries have grain reserves, and most of these nations have less than a month's supply. At the same time, higher standards of living have made such products as meat, milk and sugar, hitherto considered luxury items, more common. This has often forced some countries to import much of their supplies. Thus, Egypt, once a major sugar exporter, must now buy the product abroad.

Rivals' divergent views

French N-plan's future hinges on poll result

PARIS, April 20 (R) — France's ambitious nuclear program, including a score of new power plants, is at stake in the French presidential election.

President Valery Giscard d'Estaing is using his nuclear energy policy in an effort to beat the energy crisis at home and earn billions of dollars for France's recession-hit economy through sales abroad. He was promised, if elected, to build new nuclear power stations, a policy he says is designed to safeguard France's independence as an industrial power.

But Socialist leader Francois Mitterrand, the president's closest challenger, has pledged, if elected, to review the entire civil nuclear program, which he describes "excessive, even dangerous. He has also pledged to halt controversial sales of nuclear equipment

and fuel to Iraq and other countries in war zones.

Mitterrand says he would divert some of the vast investments involved in France's nuclear energy program to energy-saving projects and to a search for new sources of energy if he defeats d'Estaing in the polling ending May 10.

The Socialist leader lays special emphasis on reviving the coal industry, France's traditional source of energy until it switched to oil 20 years ago. "The French people should never have allowed the government to run down the coal mines," he says. "France is sitting on huge coal reserves which will provide plenty of jobs and energy."

Charbonnages de France, the French state-run coal authority, is already working on modernizing the pits. Some of the coal

Iraq, Russia begin talks in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, April 20 (R) — Soviet and Iraqi economic teams have opened talks in Baghdad on boosting cooperation between their two states, the official Iraqi News Agency (INA) said.

It said the Iraqi delegation to the 11th session of the permanent committee of economic and technical cooperation between Iraq and the Soviet Union was headed by Industry Minister Tahir Tawfiq. The Soviet delegation was headed by the chairman of the state committee for external economic relations, Semyon Skachkov, who arrived in Baghdad Saturday.

U.N. body sees bleak future for Third World on food front

ROME, April 20 (AP) — A newly-published U.N. agency report says Third World food output grew much more slowly than the number of empty mouths during the 1970s. It predicts a sharp increase in chronic hunger during the 1980s.

The report was released by the U.N. World Food Council, which is drawing up a "politically feasible" set of measures to guarantee that developing nations have enough food.

Representatives of the 36 nations in the WFC meet Tuesday in Rome to consider a four-part "world food security net." It will be proposed to WFC agriculture and development ministers at a may meeting in Yugoslavia.

Past international efforts to store grain for future crises have foundered on disagreements between farming nations and consumers. Negotiations broke down in London in March on a world wheat convention because of disputes between farming nations and consumers.

"Over the 1970s, developing-country food production grew at 2.7 per cent, well below the United Nations four per cent target estimated as necessary to meet consumption needs," the report, called food in the context of the international development strategy.

said. The WFC described the 18-page report as "major."

"Overall trends indicate a sharp increase in the number of chronically hungry people during this decade," the report said. The United Nations established the WFC in 1974 to promote and coordinate political activity necessary to carry out the U.N. objective of feeding the world's hungry.

The WFC representatives who are meeting in Rome through Friday will consider a new international wheat accord. Talks broke down on the last one because of disputes over which countries will get first access to stored food reserves when they are released in a crisis.

In the talks, developed countries also felt that Third World demands were excessive for technical assistance and money to help their food distribution systems. The WFC proposes this kind of aid in its food security program as well.

The WFC measures also include loans from the International Monetary Fund to help poor countries cover their food costs, and strengthening three existing programs: the world food program, food aid convention, and international emergency food reserve.

BRIEFS

ABU DHABI, (AFP) — Abu Dhabi national oil company placed a contract with a British company for a gas processing at the Tamana oilfield here. The plant will have a capacity of 450 million cubic meters of natural gas per annum and will be completed in 1983. The gas will be used at power stations and seawater treatment installations at Abu Dhabi and in the Al-Ruwais oil region.

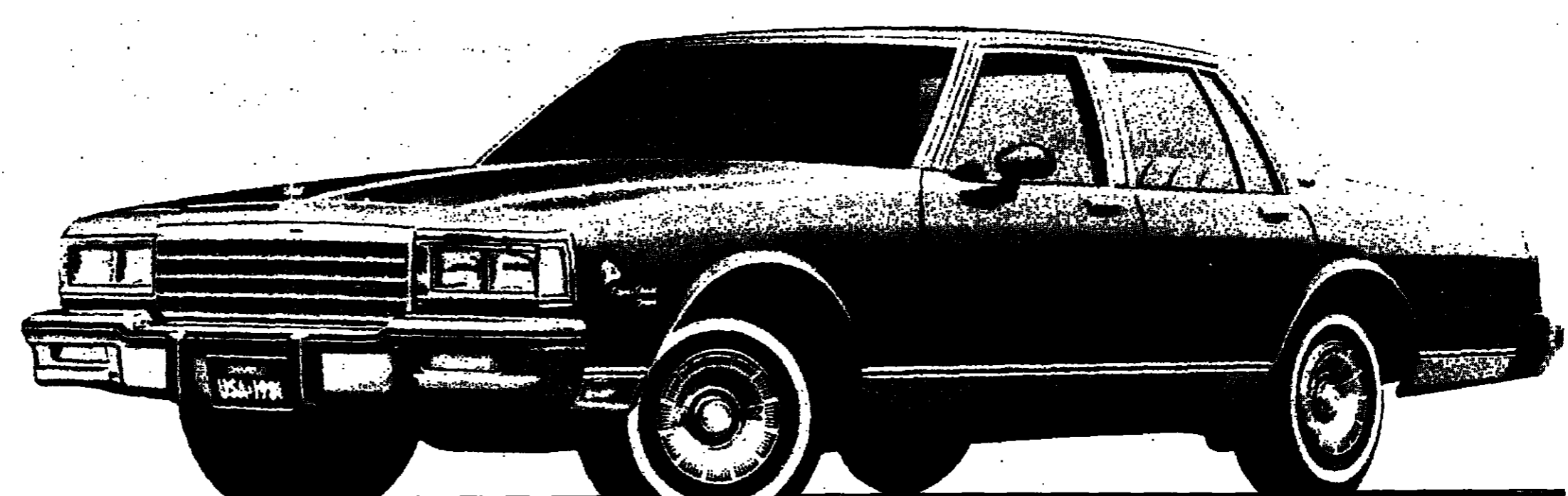
NEW DELHI, (AFP) — India is to introduce a bill in the current session of parliament to provide for heavy penalties and confisca-

tion of foreign vessels fishing illegally in Indian waters, official sources said Monday. India has a coastline of 5,650 kms and an exclusive economic zone of 200 million hectares but it has only 75 deep-sea fishing trawlers at present.

JAKARTA, (AP) — Yudo Sumbono, former director of supplies of the state-owned oil corporation Pertamina, was installed Monday as the company's new president-director, replacing Major General Piet Haryono.

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Villa drops point to Stoke Ipswich virtually out of title race

LONDON, April 20 (R) — Aston Villa nervously edged nearer their first English Soccer League title for 71 years when they drew 1-1 at Stoke Monday.

But while Villa survived their championship jitters, nearest challengers Ipswich may have lost out in the chase by weakly submitting 1-0 at Norwich.

Ipswich's downhearted display left Villa a four-point advantage at the top of the First Division, though they have just two games left to play against three for Ipswich.

The winner for Norwich was scored in the 63rd minute by one million sterling rated striker, Justin Fashanu.

But Ipswich will not doubt reflect on the cruel series of injuries which played tricks with their title ambitions and left four internationals as helpless spectators Monday.

England strikers Paul Mariner and Eric Gates were injured in Saturday's 2-0 defeat by Arsenal while Dutch midfielder Frans Thijssen and Scottish fullback George Burley

were also absent.

Villa were also some way short of their best at Stoke although they made a good start when striker Peter Withe notched his 19th goal of the season. But it took Stoke just three minutes to get back on level terms, defender Brendan O'Callaghan backing-heading home a cross from Paul Maguire.

But the thrills were all at the other end of the table. Norwich's win should dispel their relegation fears, leaving Leicester and Brighton to join Crystal Palace in Division Two next season.

Ironically, Brighton entertained Leicester Monday but their 2-1 win have come too late to save them. Leicester took the fight for survival too literally and finished the game with nine men after Soots duo Alan Young and Kevin MacDonald were sent off.

Leicester have 28 points with just two games remaining while Brighton join Coventry, who did not play Monday, on the 31 point mark.

Soccer Results

Division One		Cambridge		North County	
Aston Villa	2	Crystal Palace	2	Bristol City	2
Brighton	1	Leicester	1	Leeds	2
Manchester City	3	Sheff Wed	0	Sheff Wed	2
Norwich	1	Ipswich	0	Sheff Wed	2
Norwich	1	Wolverhampton	0	Derby	2
Southampton	1	Tottenham	1		
Stoke	1	Aston Villa	1		
West Bromwich	2	Sunderland	1		
Division Two		Division Three		Division Three	
Bolton	1	Wrexham	1	Chatterfield	1
				Brentford	0
				Gillingham	0
				Forest Green	2
				Forest Green	1
				Newport	1

In World Table Tennis

Japan claims bronze

NOVI SAD, Yugoslavia April 20 (AP) — Japan's men beat Czechoslovakia 5-1 to win the bronze medal at the World Table Tennis Championships here Monday.

North Korea downed Soviet Union 3-0 to win the women's bronze medal. South Korea meets China in the women's final later Monday.

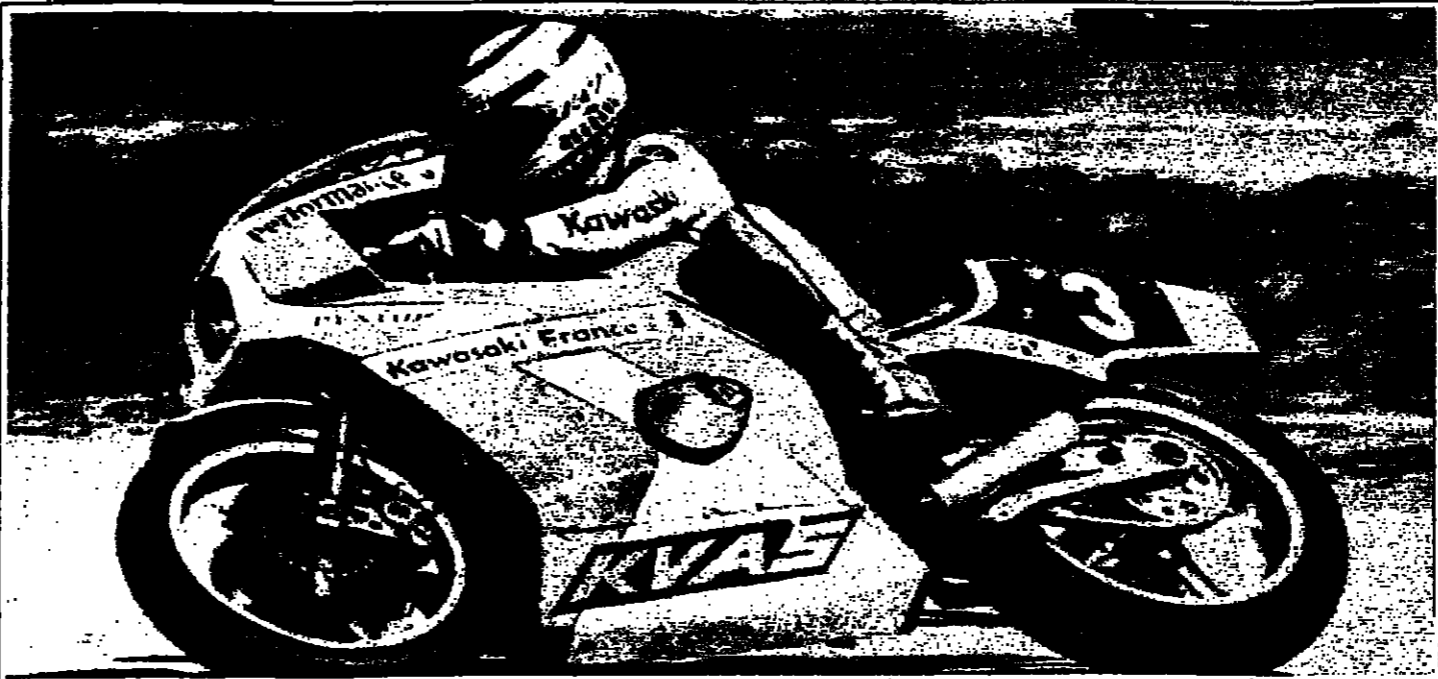
In other matches, Japan women's team beat Czechoslovakia 3-0 to finish ninth. Finland placed 13th by beating France 3-0 and Hong Kong downed India 3-1 to finish 15th.

The bronze medal match started badly for Japan when Jundrich Pansky defeated Japan's Norio Takashima 21-19, 21-10. But Hiroyuki Abe levelled the score by beating Czech No. 1 Josef Dvoracek in three games and Japan then lost just one more game on to the way to a 5-1 victory.

Results:
MEN: Japan beat Czechoslovakia 5-1; Yugoslavia beat Poland 5-4; Sweden beat Italy 5-3; Denmark beat United States 5-1; Bulgaria beat Nigeria 5-2; Austria beat

Netherlands 5-4; Norway beat Israel 5-2; Argentina beat Macao 5-4; Hong Kong beat Romania 5-0; Tunisia beat Australia 5-0; Wales beat Malaysia 5-3; Finland beat India 5-3; Trinidad-Tobago beat Malta 5-0; Nepal beat Morocco 5-0; Ecuador beat Cyprus 5-0; Greece beat New Zealand 5-2;

WOMEN: Scotland beat Trinidad and Tobago 3-0; Somalia beat Guernsey 3-0; Hungary beat Sweden 3-0; West Germany beat Romania 3-0; Norway beat Macao 3-2; Macao beat Greece 3-2; Nepal beat Guernsey 3-1; Belgium beat Indonesia 3-0; Poland beat Denmark 3-1; Scotland beat Brazil 3-1; Trinidad and Tobago beat Israel 3-2; New Zealand beat United States 3-2; Japan beat Czechoslovakia 3-0; Greece beat Argentina 3-0; Finland beat France 3-0; Hong Kong beat India 3-1; Bulgaria beat Canada 3-1; Switzerland beat Mexico 3-0; Nigeria beat Spain 3-1; Australia beat Italy 3-0; Ghana beat Dominican Republic 3-1; Norway beat Argentina 3-1; Singapore beat Ireland 3-0; Luxembourg beat Malaysia 3-1.



GRAND STYLE: Christian Hugnet takes the bend in grand style on his way to victory in the 24-hours Le Mans Motorcycling Endurance Race in France Saturday. Hugnet together with Jean-Claude Chermain helped Kawasaki put an end to Honda's four-year winning streak.

76ers make heavy weather despite early lead

Injury-riddled Kings eclipse Suns

NEW YORK, April 20 (AP) — Only one of the two teams that tied for the best record in the National Basketball Association will be in the playoff finals. Its opponent will be a team that didn't even have a winning record.

Call it the luck of the draw, but the best-of-seven semifinals beginning Tuesday will find the Boston Celtics entertaining the Philadelphia 76ers in the Eastern Conference and the Kansas City Kings playing host to the Houston Rockets in the West.

Boston and Philadelphia posted 62-20 records during the regular season while Kansas City and Houston were 40-42. The semifinal matchups were assured Sunday when the 76ers edged the Milwaukee Bucks, 99-98 while the Kings upset the Pacific Division

champion Phoenix Suns 95-88. Both victories came in the seventh game of best-of-seven quarterfinal series.

Julius Erving scored 28 points and Bobby Jones had 21 for Philadelphia, which had to pull out the victory after blowing a 16-point lead with 4:41 left in the third period.

A 22-5 Milwaukee rally put the Bucks on top 80-79 with 9:09 remaining and the lead seasawed until Lionel Hollins' jump shot and two free throws by Caldwell Jones gave the 76ers a 97-93 advantage. Milwaukee's Marques Johnson scored a game-high 36 points.

"What can you say about a series like this?" said Philly coach Billy Cunningham. "It was the type of game you don't know what to tell the team that lost."

Meanwhile, Reggie King poured in 23 points, including 10 in the pivotal third period, as the injury-riddled Kings defeated the Suns in Phoenix.

The Suns, who bounced back from a 3-1 deficit to even the series, led only briefly in the second half. Four points by Alvan Adams gave them a 48-45 lead one minute into the third quarter. But King then keyed a 17-4 Kansas City spree with nine points over a 5:38 span for a 60-52 lead.

Ernie Grunfeld also scored 23 points for the Kings and Scott Wedman finished with 19. For Phoenix, Dennis Johnson scored a game-high 28 points, 20 in the second half, and Walter Davis had 18.

Mehta wins Safari Rally amid protests

NAIROBI, Kenya April 20 (AP) — Kenyan Shekar Mehta apparently won the Safari Rally for a record fourth time Monday despite protests by his Datsun teammate Rauno Aaltonen, who finished only five points behind after five days and 5,000 kilometers — 3,125 miles — of travelling over mud, rocks and flooding rivers.

Organizers of the event, widely recognized as the world's toughest rally, placed winners' wreaths on Mehta and his Kenyan co-driver Mike Doughty, who brought their Violet GT home with 219 penalty points one point for each minute late at time controls.

Aaltonen, of Finland, and Kenyan co-

driver Lofty Drews, had 224 points. Kenyans Mike Kirkland and Dave Haworth made it a sweep of the top three places for the Datsun Gts, with 291 points.

Rally officials said the results were subject to a decision on Aaltonen's protests. But thousands of Kenyans who gathered to watch the cars finish in central Nairobi went away convinced that Mehta was the winner.

The final two days were all Mehta and Aaltonen. Aaltonen apparently gained the lead early Monday by successfully crossing a swollen river without losing points. But rally organizers nullified penalty points on that section because two-thirds of the cars had to

be towed across.

Provisional results: 1. Mehta, Kenya, Datsun Violet GT, 219 points; 2. Aaltonen, Finland, Datsun Violet GT, 224; 3. Kirkland, Kenya, Datsun Violet GT, 291; 4. Timo Salonen, Seppo Harjama, Finland, Datsun Sylvia, 448; 5. Jochi Kleint, Gunter Wagner, West Germany, Opel Ascona, 486; 6. Jean Claud Lefebvre, France, Christian Defferrier, Belgium, Peugeot 504, 512; 7. Yoshio Iwasaki, Yoshiyasa Nakahara, Japan, Datsun Sylvia, 611; 8. Jayant Shah, Rishad Rahim, Kenya, Datsun PA10, 630; 9. Alain Ambrosino, Ivory Coast, Jean Francois Fauchille, France, Peugeot 504, 770;

Davis holds two-frame advantage

LONDON, April 20 (R) — Steve Davis of England held on to his two-frame overnight lead over Doug Mountjoy of Wales when he led 14-12 in the 35-frame World Professional Snooker Championships final Monday.

Davis, 23-year-old favorite, moved ahead early in the session before Mountjoy batted back to stay in contention with a possible nine frames remaining.

Early yesterday, Davis, who began the day taking the first six frames was lucky to win the penultimate frame, helped by Mountjoy going in off the green and himself fluking the blue for game.

The Welshman, who had made a break of 129 in recovering from 5-8 to 6-8, coolly put the disappointment behind him and won the last frame 98-4.

Mountjoy started his recovery by winning the last three frames of the afternoon session. He kept Davis on the run winning two of the first three frames of the evening.

Frame scores (Davis first): 112-15, 81-34, 29-79, 30-86, 102-9, 15-75, 79-60, 49-57.

Lahore C.C. tops

By a Staff Writer
RIYADH, April 20 — Lahore Cricket Club were the proud winners of the Al Quraysh cricket trophy, as the curtain was rung down on the Eastern Province Cricket season.

At a prize distribution function held at the Saurer Oval ground, Lahore (48 points) together with the runners-up Petronin (47 points) received the trophies from Mr. Badr, assistant director of Youth Welfare of the Eastern Province, after an exhibition match between the Combined XI and the Chairman XI that saw the Combined XI come out triumphs.

HOW THEY FINISHED	P	W	L	Pts
Lahore	12	10	2	48
Petronin	12	10	2	47
Fleur Arabia	12	8	4	39
Jumalshah	12	8	4	35
Y.P.	12	7	5	34
Al Quraysh	12	7	5	33
UPM	12	7	5	33
AGE	12	6	6	27
Pepsi Cola	12	3	9	15
Olayun	12	2	10	8
British Aircraft	12	1	11	5

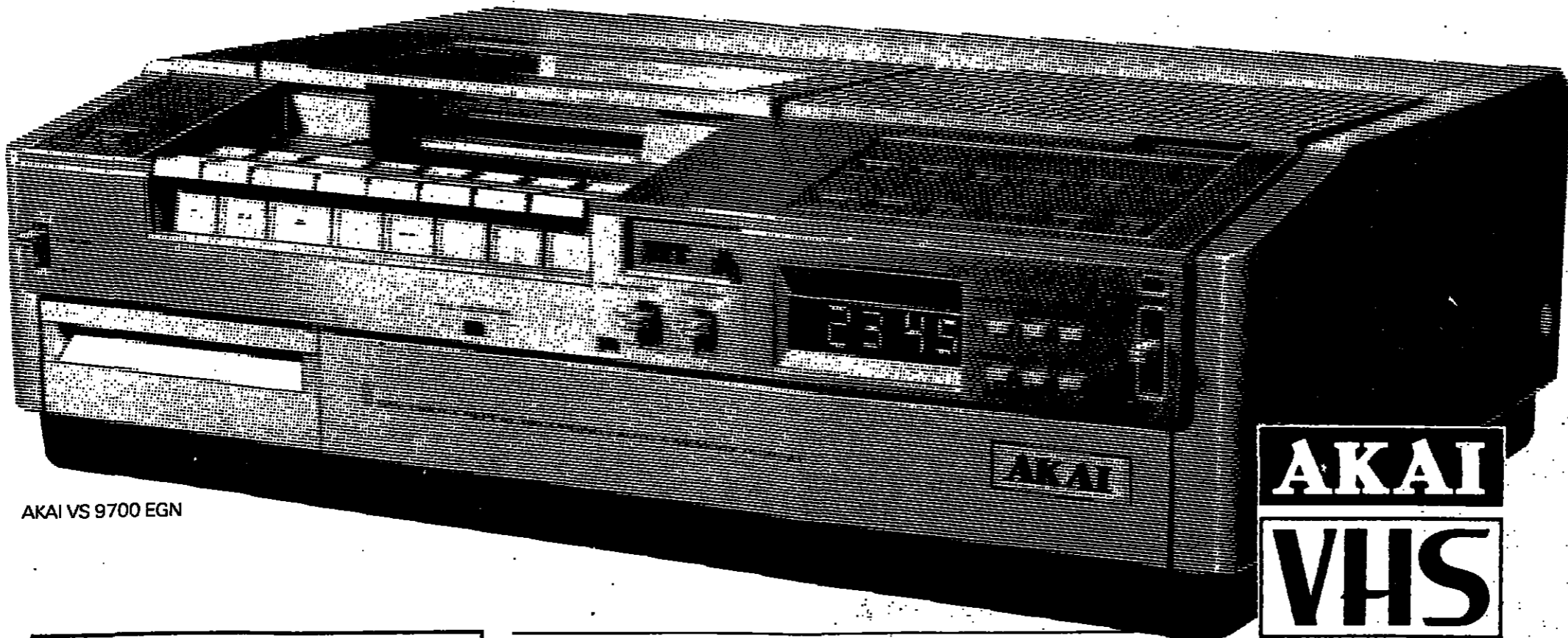
Best nets winner

SAN JOSE, California, April 20 (AP) — The second-place San Jose Earthquakes closed in on division-leading San Diego Sunday with a 2-1 North American Soccer League victory over the Sockers.

San Jose took a 1-0 lead at 36:56 but the Sockers tied things up at 78:33 when Kaz Deyna scored.

George Best scored his first goal of the season to give the Earthquakes victory at 84:00.

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In American League

Seattle ends A's winning run

NEW YORK, April 20 (AP) — Richie Zisk's two-out, eighth-inning home run gave Seattle a 3-2 victory over Oakland Sunday, ending the A's record winning streak at 11 games in the second half of a doubleheader.

Rickey Henderson tripled for two runs and Jeff Newman doubled for two as the A's won the first game 6-1 to break the modern-era major league record of 10, held by the 1955 Brooklyn Dodgers, 1962 Pittsburgh Pirates and 1966 Cleveland Indians.

The A's jumped to a 2-0 second-game lead in the fourth inning, when Lenny Randle of Seattle, involved in a first-game scuffle, got into a fight with Tony Armas of the A's. Seattle tied it in the fifth.

Henderson's two-run triple off Glenn Abbott in the first game put the A's ahead in the third inning and they took a 5-0 lead with two runs in the fourth, two of them on Newman's hit. Henderson doubled to open the seventh and scored on a single by Dave

Revering.

The victory went to right-hander Mike Norris, his third without a loss. He had to leave the game after six innings due to a shoulder injury suffered in the brawl resulting from his brushback pitch to Randle.

Elsewhere in the American League, Gary Allenson's three-run homer in the fourth inning helped Boston beat the Chicago White Sox 9-4, despite Carlton Fisk's fourth homer of the year for Chicago and his third against his former Red Sox teammates.

Jon Matlack of Texas silenced the New York Yankees on four hits as the Rangers won 4-0. Lee May drove in two runs and Jerry Grote knocked in another to carry Kansas City past Baltimore behind the combined five-hit pitching of Rich Gale and Renie Martin.

Mark Bomback, formerly of the New York Mets, recorded his first AL victory and Al Woods drove in three runs with a pair of

doubles to face Toronto past Detroit 9-1. Cleveland's game at Milwaukee was rained out and Minnesota's at California was postponed by wet grounds.

Also in the NL, reserve Philadelphia catcher Keith Moreland, replacing ailing third baseman Mike Schmidt, doubled home the tie-breaking run in a four-run eighth inning and the Phillies beat the Chicago Cubs 7-3 for their sixth consecutive victory.

Biff Pocoroba's two-run single, the bottom of the ninth inning propelled Atlanta to a 4-3 victory over San Francisco, snapping the Braves four-game losing streak. Rod Scurry, in his first big-league start, combined with Eddie Solomon on a five-hitter and Jason Thompson homered to lead Pittsburgh past Houston 2-0.

Ken Landreaux drove in three runs one with a homer, and Pedro Guerrero also homed as Los Angeles beat San Diego 6-1 for its eighth victory in nine games.

In an NL twinbill, Dave Kingman hit a three-run homer and Pat Zachry pitched a four-hitter as the Mets beat Montreal 7-2 after the Expos had won the opened 4-3 with Andre Dawson getting three hits, including a homer.



VICTOR: Lee Trevino is all concentration in the final round of the Money-Tournament of champions, as he went on to win the \$54,000 golf title Sunday.

Trevino snatches title

RANCHO LA COSTA, California, April 20 (AP) — Lee Trevino turned back Ray Floyd with a three-under-par 69 and ended 15 years of California frustration Sunday with a two-stroke triumph in the Money-Tournament of Champions.

It was the 26th American PGA tour triumph in Trevino's career, but the first he's won in 15 years of competition in California. It also marked the 14th consecutive year the brassy Trevino, one on the game's best gate attractions, has won at least once.

Trevino, at 41 the oldest player in the elite field of 29 who have won tour titles in the past 12 months, claimed this victory with a 273 total, 15 strokes under par and matching the course record on the rain-soaked, 6,911-yard La Costa Country Club course.

The victory was worth \$54,000. Floyd, winner of consecutive tournaments in Florida earlier this season and the only golfer with a realistic hope of overtaking the front running Trevino, had a final-round 70 and finished second at 275.

Bruce Lietzke was third with a closing 70 and a 278 total. Bill Rogers, was next at 71-280, with Larry Nelson another shot back at 281 after a 71.

Tom Kite, Doug Tewell and Curtis Strange followed at 283. Kite had a closing 68, Tewell a 69 and Strange a 73.

Tom Watson, the Masters champion and

winner of this event the two previous years, never got into title contention. He finished with a 70 and was 11 shots back at 284. Jack Nicklaus, also 41 had a 71 for 286.

Eichelberger champ
Meanwhile, Dave Eichelberger birdied the first hole of a three-way playoff with Bob Murphy and Mark O'Meara Sunday to capture the \$100,000 Tallahassee Open.

Eichelberger, who missed a three-foot birdie putt on the 18th hole that would have given him the victory outright, connected on a four-foot birdie putt which eased him past Murphy and O'Meara, who each took par on the extra hole.

Eichelberger started Sunday's final round one stroke behind leader Greg Powers and fired a 2-under 70 to complete a four-round total of 17-under-par. 271 over the 7,124-yard Killcaren Golf and Country Club course.

In Florida, Beth Daniel copped a 25-foot birdie putt on the second playoff hole Sunday to defeat veteran Donna Caponi and win the \$15,000 first prize in the Florida Lady Citrus LPGA Tournament.

Three other players — Patty Sheehan, Cindy Hill and Amateur Patti Rizzo — involved in a five-women playoff in the \$100,000 Ladies Professional Golf Association event bogeyed the first extra hole — the par 5, 474-yard 15th and dropped out.

Baseball Standings

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Boston	4	3	.571	Montreal	5	2	.714
Chicago	3	3	.500	St. Louis	4	2	.667
Cleveland	3	3	.500	New York	4	4	.500
New York	4	4	.500	Pittsburgh	4	4	.500
Milwaukee	2	4	.333	Chicago	1	7	.125
Toronto	3	4	.429	Los Angeles	5	1	.833
Oakland	11	1	.917	Cincinnati	5	4	.556
Chicago	7	3	.700	Atlanta	4	5	.444
Texas	4	4	.500	San Francisco	4	6	.400
California	4	4	.500	San Diego	3	7	.300
Seattle	2	4	.333	Houston	2	7	.222
Minnesota	3	7	.300				

Soccer fan trampled to death

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, April 20 (AP) — A soccer fan was trampled to death Sunday and 18 others were injured as 135,000 spectators streamed out of Maracana stadium — the world's largest — after a local match. Police said they believed a rope had broken an exit.

"There was a general free for all at Gate 15 the fans were leaving the stadium," said vice chief Maurilio Moreira of the nearby precinct.

"We don't know yet exactly what happened, but it appears there was a rope block the exit." "There was no reason for a rope to be there."

Police identified the man killed in the crush separating fans as Jorge da Silva Santos, 30. One of the injured underwent surgery, according to hospital spokesmen. They said others were treated for cuts and bruises and released.

In a game between two Rio teams, champions Flamengo crashed out of Brazil's soccer championship when Botafogo beat them 3-1 in a quarterfinal second-leg. The first leg had ended in a goalless draw.

Sao Paulo, who provide seven players for national side, will meet Botafogo in the final. They won both legs against Intercontinental of Porto Alegre for a 3-0 aggregate. In the magnificent Maracana Stadium are a crowd of 135,000, Brazil star Zico,

playing his 500th professional match, gave Flamengo a fourth-minute lead by a deflection.

But Botafogo scored on the stroke of half-time, soaked up the second half pressure and snatched two breakaway goals.

Meanwhile, Mali beat Algeria 3-0 (half-time 2-0) in a second leg Africa Nations Soccer Cup qualifying match Saturday. But Algeria qualified for the next round on aggregate, having won the home leg 5-1.

Cameroun too qualified by drawing 2-2 with Togo. Cameroun won the first leg, played in Douala, 4-0.

Scotland finish fifth

A goal from Eric Black 16 minutes into the second half was enough to give Scotland a 1-0 win over Poland and fifth place in the Cannes Youth International Football Tournament.

The Scots were unlucky not to be playing for third spot, finishing their group with three points from a defeat against Italy a win over East Germany and a draw with Brazil.

In another play-off match, Spain beat East Germany 2-1 to clinch seventh place. The Spanish goals came from Olaya after 44 and 48 minutes. Losert scored for East Germany after ten minutes.

France beat Brazil 4-0 in the playoff match for third place after leading 1-0 at half-time. The French scorers were Besnier (22, 52, 57) and Platro (75).

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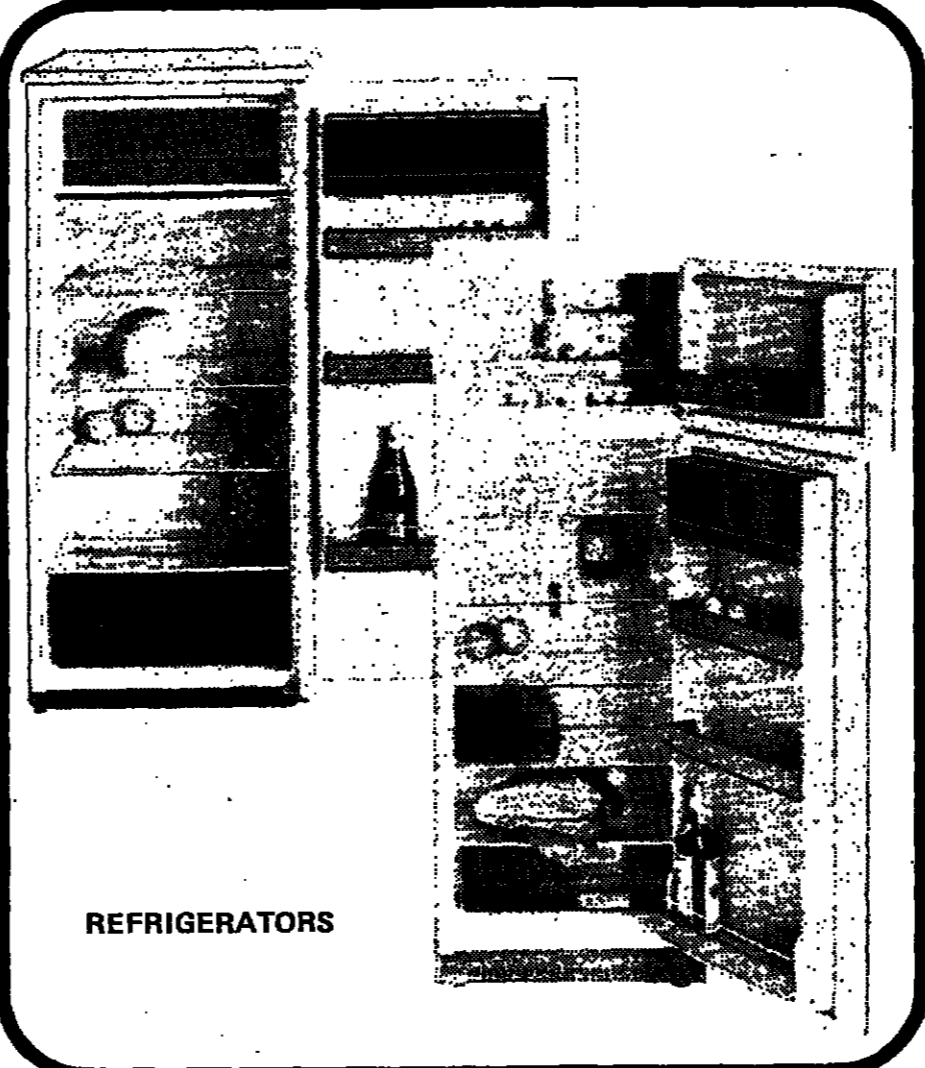
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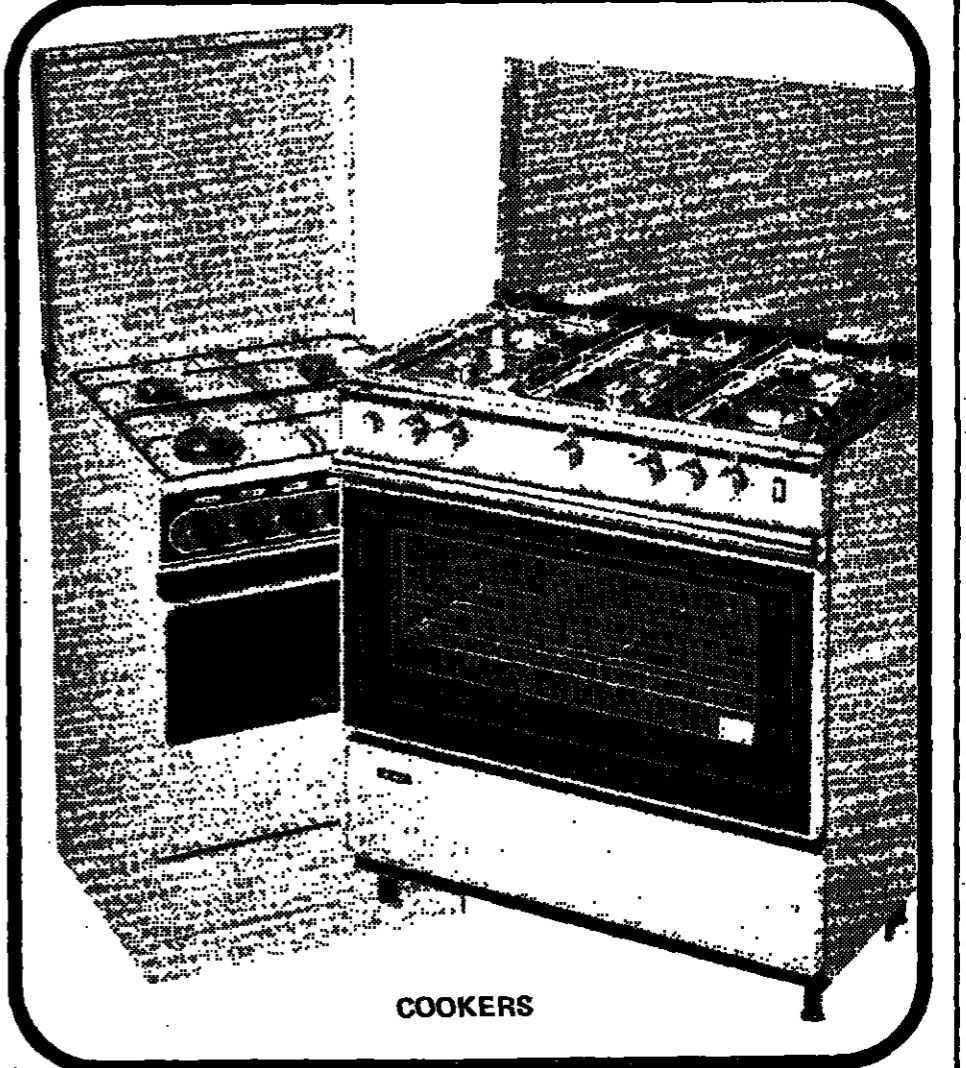
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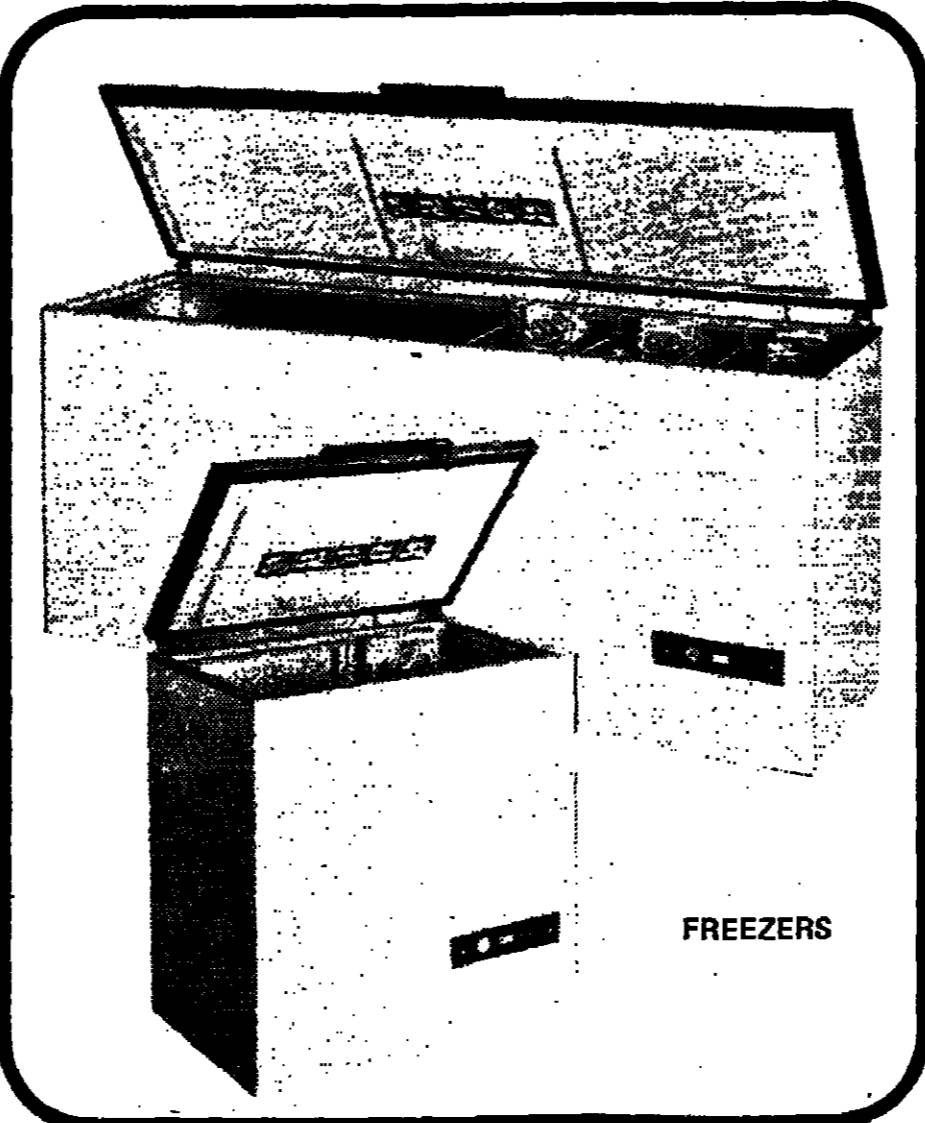
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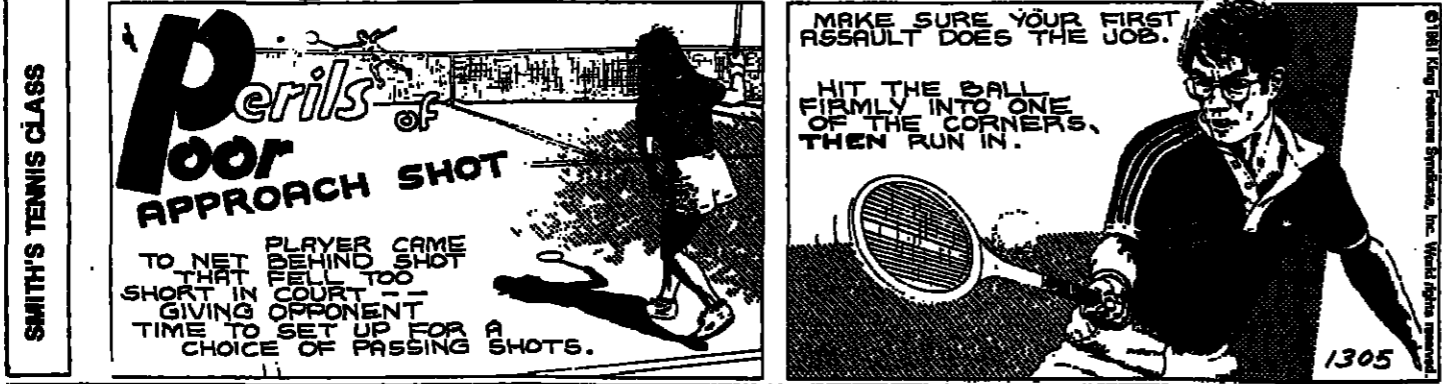
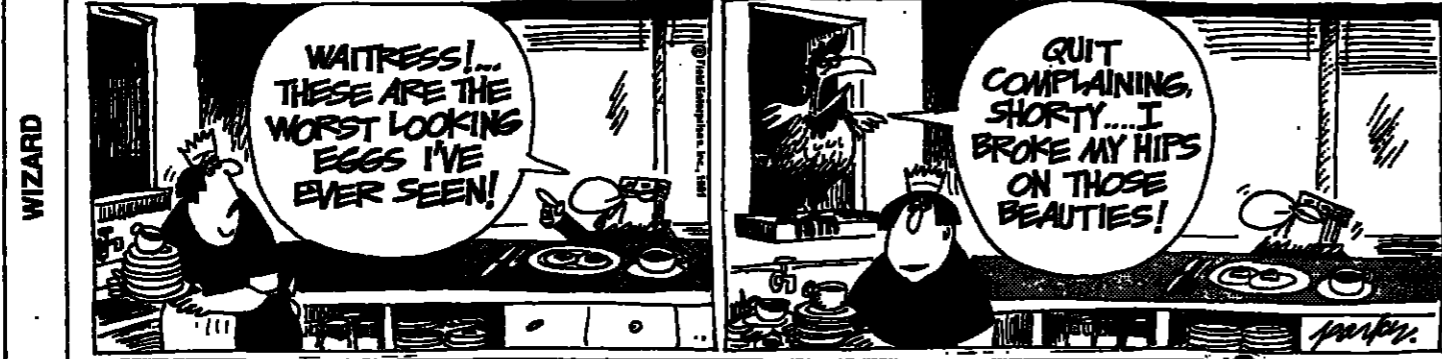
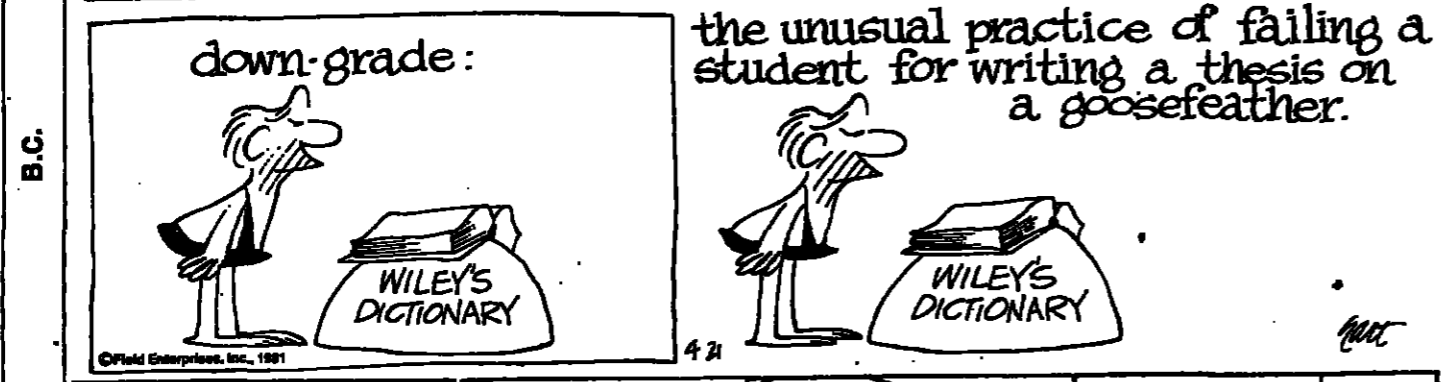
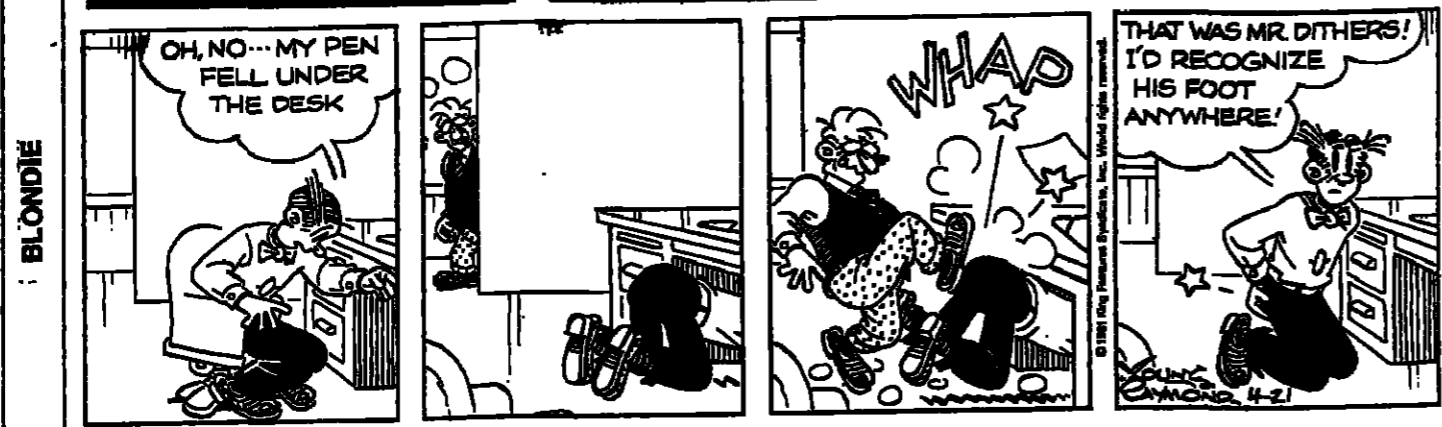
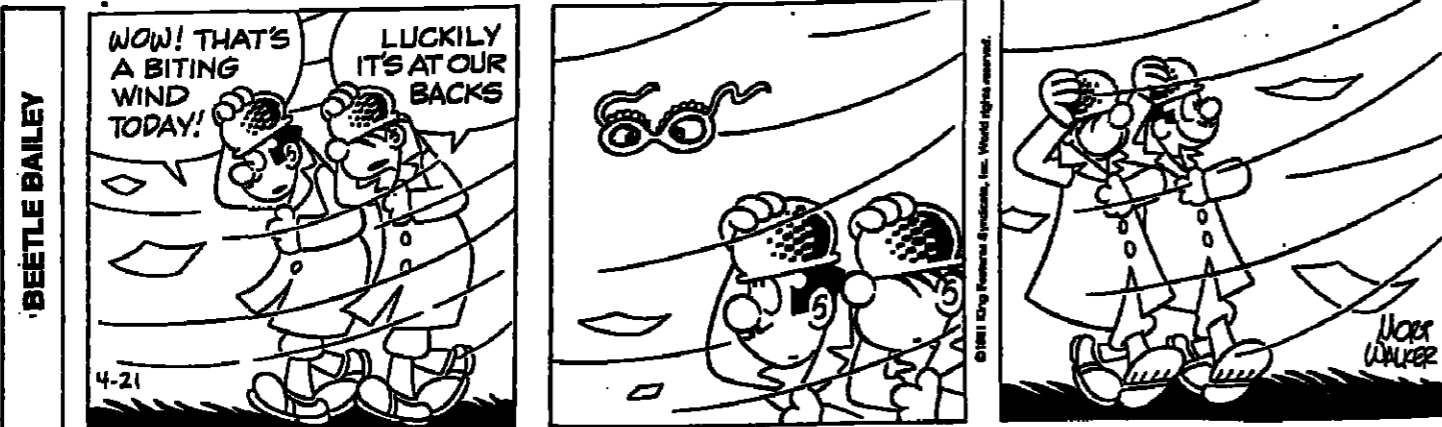
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Francis Drake
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Unexpected developments relate to finances. Be alert for an unusual opportunity. Luck is yours after dark. Enjoy creative pursuits.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
Get sufficient rest, for the work routine can be draining. Resist impulsive moves. You benefit from confidential monetary developments.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)
Privacy leads to important insights. Sidelstep clandestine involvements. Later, you'll enjoy good fellowship with friends.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)
Friends and family don't mix favorably, but be willing to meet new acquaintances. A lucky career tip should be kept secret.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)
Avoid career-related arguments. Friends are very helpful now. An unusual move regarding business works to your advantage.
PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)
You'll rebel against advice pertaining to money, but later you'll benefit from early-evening career developments.

Crossword by THOMAS JOSEPH
ACROSS: 40 Great buy, 1 The "A" in SEATO, 5 Somber, 19 Departed, 11 -'s nest, 13 Writer Seton, 14 Pencil-box item, 15 Philippine peasant, 16 Hgt., 17 Unclose (poet.), 18 Baffling, 20 "Twelve Angry -" (1957 film), 21 Mining find, 22 Curved work, 25 Civil War general, 26 Plunder, 27 Old hands, 28 Wapiti, 29 Defensive wall, 32 Guido's note, 33 Gyn's mother, 34 Wallace, 35 Stomach, 37 Item on junior's knee, 38 Puzzle, 39 Feminine suffix.

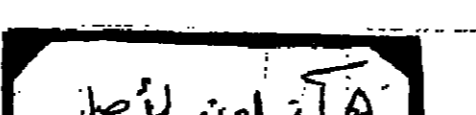
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12 Thirty, 25 Bare, 27 Serf, 29 Balaire, 16 Deputy, 18 Classy, 19 Islands, 22 Greek letter, 23 Garment, 26 Bring joy to feature, 31 Rome's chief, 36 Mellow, 37 Six (It).

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Ulster braces for trouble

3 MPs see fasting Sands in jail

BELFAST, April 20 (AP) — Three prominent politicians from the Irish Republic were smuggled into Maze prison near Belfast Monday in a bid to talk convicted guerrilla Bobby Sands into ending a 51-day-old hunger strike and head off threatened violence. British officials reported.

The trio met with Sands, reported to be close to death, for 80 minutes in the prison's hospital wing as security chiefs braced for more violence after five days of rioting, burning and shooting in Northern Ireland.

Tension in Northern Ireland was fueled Sunday night when two Catholic youths, James English, 19, and James Brown, 18, were killed in Londonderry when a British army vehicle plowed into a mob of rioters. "This spark could now cause confrontation," a Catholic leader warned.

British officials declined to disclose what was said during the meeting or whether Sands will abandon his fast. But the 27-year-old hunger striker has repeatedly said he will not give up unless the British treat jailed guerrillas as political prisoners rather than criminals.

The visit by the three politicians came as informed sources in Belfast reported "frantic behind-the-scenes activity" by British officials and the Dublin government to find a way of getting Sands to end his hunger strike.

Sands began his fast "to the death" March 1 following an earlier hunger strike by 34 convicted guerrillas, including four women, that was abandoned last December as one of the protest leaders was close to death after 53 days. The British refuse to concede any of the guerrillas demands.

The overwhelmingly Roman Catholic IRA and its splinter groups are fighting to end British rule in Northern Ireland and reunite the Protestant-dominated province with the republic, which is 97 per cent Catholic.

The IRA's "provisional," wing warned Sunday amid rioting in the Catholic bogside and Creggan quarters of Londonderry, Northern Ireland's second city, that if Sands dies, the guerrillas will make the "the present situation look like a Buckingham Palace tea party."



Hunger striker Bobby Sands

Shahi to talk with Haig on Pakistan's defense

ISLAMABAD, April 20 (AP) — Pakistan Foreign Minister Agha Shahi was expected to begin two days of talks Monday in Washington with U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig with the stated objective of stabilizing U.S.-Pakistani ties which have risen high and plunged low during the past 30 years.

One of the stabliest American allies of the 1950s, Pakistan felt betrayed by what it considered little or no U.S. support in its wars with neighboring India and bilateral relations nosedived in April 1979 when aid was cut off. The Carter administration charged at the time that the Muslim south Asian country was on its way to developing nuclear arms capability. Six months later, angry mobs burned and looted the U.S. Embassy here, further straining ties.



Pakistan Foreign Minister Agha Shahi

But Shahi, aware that Haig see Pakistan as a key part of a so-called strategic consensus to counter Soviet expansionism, expressed hope before his departure that "stable, durable and friendly" relations would evolve from his Washington talks. The 60-year-old career diplomat told a news conference here Friday that meeting Pakistan's defense requirements with U.S. arms was an issue he intended to raise with Haig.

Pakistan, largely equipped with outdated Chinese and U.S. weaponry, feels imperiled by the estimated 85,000 Soviet troops in neighboring Afghanistan. President Gen. Muhammad Zia ul-Haq claimed last fall that Soviet planes have violated Pakistani air space more than 200 times.

The country's new strategic importance arising from the Soviets' December 1979 intervention in Afghanistan has thwarted American opposition to its nuclear program. Reports from Washington said President Ronald Reagan was offering \$400 million in loans for military sales to Pakistan and another \$100 million in economic assistance.

India had launched a vigorous diplomatic campaign to counter a possible arms sales agreement, charging that U.S. weapons — used in the 1965 and 1971 wars — could again be turned on Indian troops. Pakistan, with one-third the troop strength of India, no longer poses a threat to its neighbor, Shahi argued. He declared India was creating an "artificial crisis" over a "nonexistent threat" from his country.

Pakistani and Western diplomatic sources, noting India's recent \$1.6 billion arms deal with the Soviet Union, said Reagan would like to offer Pakistan a wider range of military equipment than former President Carter did.

Shahi told reporters he would try to negotiate special discount prices for Pakistan on arms purchase. However, the Reagan administration was believed to be thinking of sweetening any possible deal with "nominal" interest rates, an informed source said.

Before departing, Shahi said he hoped to meet with Reagan if the president's doctors said he was well enough.

Good Morning

By Jihad Al Khazem

More on incompetence, especially from the guardians of the law. First a co-story: A Canadian judge recently had order a retrial. The reason was that as case in hand was progressing, he began notice some of the jurors did not appear fully on the ball. There was that g sense of boredom, the glazed or d eye. He investigated and found that the jurors concerned didn't understand word of English, the second was dead post, and a third was also completely but it didn't really matter since he d understand a word of English.

Then back to the police: this time it, German police. In a small town in West Germany, there was a sudden inexplicable epidemic of car thefts. The local police tried their best, but quickly drew a blank. The state force and then the federal one were called in. Still no solution. There must be a master-criminal at large, everyone thought. In fact, it could only be a large and superefficient gang of such to steal so many cars in such a short time.

Within a few weeks, however, the mystery was solved. The "master criminal" had finally made a mistake and was caught in the act. Only he was not a master criminal at all but only a little schoolboy who nevertheless fooled the massed forces of law and order for so long. His rate of success, as his short career in crime peaked, was truly phenomenal. Eighty cars in two days.

And here's how the *wunderkind* did it. He started by "borrowing" his father's car, which he took to the nearest car dealer. He wants to buy a car — that one there, in fact — and could he take it out for a trial run? You can keep my car as surety, of course, so you needn't worry.

Now he speeds with the new car to the next dealer, and says and does exactly the same thing. He kept it up until the tow didn't know whose car was which and the police tearing their hair in despair over reports of cars lost and found and ic again.

Translated from Ashraq Al-Awsar

In Somalia Floods endanger 10,000

MOGADISHU, April 20 (R) — At least 10,000 persons will die in the next few days in central Somalia, which has been hit by the worst floods in years, unless a massive rescue operation is launched immediately, Red Cross officials said Monday. The flash floods in Hiran province, which have followed months of severe drought, threaten the lives of 40,000 Somalis and more than 30,000 refugees from the Ethiopian-administered Ogaden, the officials said.

"The situation cannot be more serious. Even if we can keep some people out, there will be at least 10,000 deaths in the next few days unless massive emergency relief operations are launched immediately," Canadian Red Cross' Dr. Andr Gosselin said. Gosselin, who had just returned to Mogadishu from the stricken area, said the floods began six days ago and had already caused a disaster of major proportions.

Four refugee camps had been cut off and

at the worst-hit Cocaney camp, 18 kms from the district capital of Belet Uen, three-quarters of the camp was under water up to two meters deep.

Gosselin said some 10,000 refugees in Cocaney and nearby flooded camps could only escape by wading for several kilometers through floodwater hiding deep gullies and acacia thorns. "It will be impossible for the children and the sick to make it." The authorities in Belet Uen had ordered a partial evacuation of its 40,000 population as waters from the swollen Shebeli River threatened to wash away the last bridge leading out of the town, he added.

Aid officials said only two boats were available in the area and a senior official of the United Nations High Commission for Refugees, Tom Barnes, said his organization was investigating possibility of bringing boats into the area to evacuate camps.

Afghan president tours strife-torn Jalalabad

NEW DELHI, April 20 (AP) — Afghanistan's Soviet-backed president, Babrak Karmal, toured the eastern city of Jalalabad Sunday in a rare trip outside the capital of his strife-torn country, Kabul Radio reported. Jalalabad, 125 kms east of the Afghan capital in Nangarhar province, bordering Pakistan, has been the scene of unrest during the past two years. The national highway linking Jalalabad with Kabul has been cut off by the anti-Communist forces.

Karmal, 54, accompanied by Defense Minister Muhammad Rafi, the chief of the general staff, Gen. Baba Jan, and the air force commander-in-chief, Gen. Nazar Muhammad, arrived Sunday morning in the city, where they were received by provincial governor Khalil Hotak, said the broadcast heard in India. The broadcast did not give further details but said the Afghan president returned to the capital Sunday evening.

An Afghan exile source here said that men-

tion of Khalil Hotak in the broadcast indicated that the Karmal regime had appointed a new governor of Nangarhar in place of Sham Ladar, a leader of the Khalq faction in the ruling Marxist Party.

Meanwhile, Afghan Foreign Minister Shah Muhammad Dost departed for Prague Sunday at the head of an official delegation to discuss bilateral matters with the Czechoslovak government, Radio Afghanistan reported.

Meanwhile, *Times* magazine reported in this week's edition that Afghan freedom fighters are continuing their resistance to the Soviet intervention in their country with the assassination of Soviet officials, the mining of highways and numerous ambushes of Soviet convoys. The weekly news magazine based its report on an account by Indian journalist Rajendra Sareen, who just returned from an 11-day visit to Afghanistan.

It said "the freedom fighters seem to be

better armed and equipped than a year ago...About a third of the estimated 50,000 men that make up the various groups launch their cross-border forays from tribal territories in Pakistan.

The magazine also reported that Karmal has indicated interest in bilateral talks with Pakistan. "Karmal seems to realize that his regime cannot win support by military means," *Time* reports. "Orders have gone out to government functionaries to try to encourage hostile villagers to remain in their homes and till their crops."

It said that after 16 months in Afghanistan, the 85,000 Soviet troops only control the capital of Kabul. It added that the Afghan army has shrunk by half in the last two years to 30,000 because of defections and difficulties in recruiting.

Cold grips Italy

MILAN, April 20 (AP) — House heating was hurriedly resumed in Turin and other northern Italian cities Monday as temperatures dropped close to freezing in an unexpected wave of bad weather. Heavy rains battered most northern and central regions and hampered the traditional holiday trips into the countryside.

Snowfalls blanketed the western Alps and the Dolomites after a dry spell of several weeks and temperatures that reached as high as 24 degrees Celsius. On Monday, temperatures dropped to two degrees Celsius in Milan and Turin.

Indo-Syrian talks held

NEW DELHI, April 20 (AP) — Visiting Syrian Education Minister Najeeb Al-Said Ahmad held a round of talks Monday with Indian Education Minister S.B. Chavan on ways to expand bilateral cooperation in science and culture, officials said. The two countries are expected to sign a cultural exchange program later this week.

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